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Hundreds say no to scheme for waste

NEARLY 1,000 people have written to oppose plans for a waste recycling for energy plant in Brierley Hill.

A public consultation held by Dudley Council on Clean Power's proposal for the plant on land off Moor Street ended this week and the public's response is an overwhelming no to the scheme.

Opposition campaign group Say No To Waste site says it has submitted 894 letters of objection from residents to the council.

Other individuals and organisations, including Wordsley School (see page 2), have joined the list of objectors.

The proposal will now be looked at by officers, who give their recommendation for a decision to the council's planning committee.

Objectors fear the facility will give off odours and will create extra heavy vehicle traffic problems on surrounding roads.

The company has maintained there will be no odour from the site with their revised plan including air locks.

The proposal is for a waste plant to process around about 195,000 tons of domestic and commercial waste a year, creating energy for up to 10,000 homes and around 34 jobs.

Initial plans were refused by councillors last year.

Ready steady Beacon bake

SEDGLEY-BASED sight loss charity Beacon is launching its own bake off.

Bake4Beacon will be launched on November 3 at 2.30pm at the charity's Sedgley HQ with the aim of starting a network of fundraising bake sales.

To receive a Bake4Beacon fundraising pack, contact the fundraising team on 01902 880111 or email fundraising@beacon4blind.co.uk, or visit www.beacon4blind website.

REUNITED BY THE CHRONICLE

By Andrew Turton

A HEADTEACHER is making plans to tie the knot with her childhood sweetheart after an article in The Chronicle brought memories of their school days flooding back.

Jill Bennett and Cameron Craig were just seven when they became friends at the then Priory Infants and Junior School, Dudley.

They grew up just a stone's throw from each other and dated for 12 months as teenagers before their lives took different paths. Jill eventually became a teacher at her old school, working at Priory for 16 years, while Cameron worked in the drainage industry.

Fast forward 25 years and Jill was thrust into the role of acting head at Priory Primary School after it was placed into special measures following an Ofsted report.

She had only been deputy for 12 months when she took over and steered the school back onto the right track over the next two years. Ofsted inspectors rated the school as 'good' following a visit in June.

Dudley North MP Ian Austin, who knew the pair when youngsters, wrote about Jill's success for this newspaper and when Cameron spotted the piece he thought he would try to renew their friendship.

Whirlwind

Having not seen Jill for 25 years, he remembered she once lived on Meadow Road, Milking Bank. When he arrived at the door he found Jill's mother, Elsie, who put the pair in touch.

"Professionally and privately, over the past two years, my feet haven't touched the ground and it has been a bit of a whirlwind," said Jill, now full time headteacher.

The pair, both 48, dated at Dudley High, now Castle High School. Cameron went on to work in the drainage industry and is now at Tata Steel, Wednesfield.

Cameron said: "I happened to pick up the Dudley Chronicle one day and saw the article. I knew us from school and had been friends with Jill so obviously had written about her success. It was the school that brought us together again after all these years, so it is a special place."

The couple got together again 12 months ago. Both had been married before. Jill has two children, Alex, 21, a teacher, and 18-year-old Megan studying for a nursing degree at Birmingham University.

The couple are planning to marry on August 9 next year at Himley Hall. Mr Austin added: "It's fantastic. I remember them both from school. Cameron was a good mate of mine."

Town's toy shop is on the brink

A LANDMARK toy shop will close down after almost half a century serving the families of Dudley unless a buyer steps forward.

The owner of Arcade Toy Shop is selling up due to the £200,000 revamp of the Fountain Arcade shopping centre.

Alan Caswell said the work will cause too much upheaval to the layout of his shop and he will bow out in the new year.

Mr Caswell, aged 61, said he hopes a buyer will come forward to save the business from disappearing.

Fountain Arcade is being restored to its former glory and heritage architects want to bring its well-known white entrance off Stone Street back to how it would have looked in its 1920s heyday. But the scheme includes reinstalling a long disused doorway that directly entered the toy shop.

Mr Caswell, who runs the business at 30-34 Fountain Arcade with sister Lynne, said the changes would be drastic. Despite this, he says he understands the work is vital to the regeneration of the town centre.

"All the people who have come to the shop have been totally loyal to Dudley and loyal to the shop so I can only thank them from the bottom of my heart," added Mr Caswell.



Reunited after 25 years - childhood sweethearts Cameron Craig and Jill Bennett

Reckless pet owners are given £50 fines

DOZENS of dog owners in Dudley are being slapped with £50 fines for failing to clear up after their pets with the majority of them caught in three parks.

Over the past two financial years, a total of 111 people were given penalties by Dudley Council.

Out of those caught failing to clean up, more than 10 were stopped at the Wrens Nest Nature Reserve, seven each at King George V Park in Wordsley and Buffery Park in Dudley.

Five were caught in Stevens Park, Quarry Bank, and Silver Jubilee Park, in Cosleay.

Dog wardens also handed out fines in Mary Stevens Park in Norton, Dudley Wood Recreation Ground in Netherton and Leasowes Park in Halesowen.

Wordsley Councillor Derrick Hemingsley launched a campaign against irresponsible pet owners failing to clear away dog mess in King George V Park.

He has called for extra patrols from dog wardens and for more dog waste bins.

He said: "We had a situation where the safety of users was being put into question by the amount of fouling in the park."

"It is a difficult issue which will never completely go away, but it has certainly improved over the past year at the park."

Bee haven is first for park

A 'BEE world' has been created in Dudley. Volunteers from Dudley and District Friends of the Earth have converted a 20-square-metre section of King George VI Park in Kingswinford.

They won permission from Dudley Council to turn the site into a wildflower haven that will provide food and shelter for bees. The project is part of a national campaign by Friends of the Earth to reverse a decline in many of the UK's bee population.



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Borough's MPs back bombing raids

DUDLEY'S MPs have joined others in Parliament in voting to send war planes on bombing raids over Iraq in an effort to halt the advance of Islamic State.

Ian Austin, Labour MP for Dudley North, questioned why the Government was not prepared to target Syria as well, as terrorists could cross the border to escape.

Stourbridge Conservative Margot

James warned there was 'no doubt' that Islamic State, also known as ISIS and ISIL, would 'turn their sights on western targets' if allowed to succeed.

MPs voted by 524 to 43 — a majority of 481 — to endorse attacks on the militants in Iraq in support of a United States-led coalition. Labour backed the Government.

There was concern that the vote,

11 years after the invasion of Iraq, would put Britain into another long military campaign. But there was also criticism that targets in Syria were being excluded.

Mr Austin said: "I believe that we should have acted sooner to support those among the rebels who want democracy and human rights."

Miss James said: "We are dealing with a growing army of medieval

barbarians who have the most modern 21st century military equipment at their disposal. The methods are so barbaric, the manpower and financial resources are so substantial that other regional powers are not a match for them without western support."

Halesowen and Rowley Regis MP James Morris and Dudley South MP Chris Kelly voted for air strikes.

Concern at speeds outside a school

MORE than 30 drivers have been caught speeding during the latest crackdown by campaigners in Wordsley.

One motorist was clocked almost 20 mph over the limit outside Belle Vue Primary School.

Residents are leading an awareness campaign alongside police to track speeds following safety concerns.

In total 32 motorists were caught over the 30 mph limit in Lawnswood Road during the one hour operation on Friday.

Around 12 drivers were found exceeding 40 mph and one was caught at 48 mph along the residential road.

Councillor Derrick Hemmingsley, who helped set up the campaign, said drivers will receive warning letters.

He said: "I'm concerned at some of the speeds we were finding, especially on a road directly outside a primary school."

"Everyone was really shocked at those speeds and the police will go back and look at the matter."

This was the latest speedwatch initiative in the area with similar activities having taken place at Bells Lane, Rangeways Road and Balmoral Road.

Other speedwatch events are planned in the future.

Campaigners call for 50p booze price hike

A RISE in drink-related deaths across Dudley has prompted health bosses to call for a minimum unit price for alcohol at shops in the borough.

Heath officials want a 50p minimum price to be introduced on a voluntary basis as council bosses work with businesses owners to combat alcohol misuse.

They claim alcohol is playing a role in violent crime, domestic violence and anti-social behaviour. But Government ministers have resisted calls to table new laws to legislate for a minimum price.

It comes as figures reveal 142 people have died across Dudley borough from alcohol-related health problems in the latest figures available between 2009 and 2011.

Head worried about waste plant scheme

A WASTE recycling plant would go against everything that has been done to improve Brierley Hill, a head-teacher said as he lodged an objection to the scheme.

Michael Lambert, of Wordsley School, has spoken out against the proposal by Clean Power for a site converting waste into energy off Moor Street.

He fears increased traffic generated by the plant would put the safety of pupils at risk.

Mr Lambert, who has written to Dudley Council, said: "The local authority have done a smashing job in the area. Something like this would work against everything which has been done."

He added: "To think about the extra traffic to using the roads does concern me."

"I think it could have an adverse effect on the safety of pupils walking to and from school."

The letter comes as campaign group Say No to Waste site also submitted an objection to Dudley Council.

Clean Power has submitted new plans involving air locks to tackle concerns about odours.

Strategy

Over the same period approximately 2,090 people died of related conditions in the West Midlands and there were 15,918 estimated deaths in England.

Public health bosses in Dudley say the increase in the death rates has slowed to one per cent year-on-year and they have now drawn up a three year alcohol strategy. It was being unveiled at the Heath and Well Being Board meeting this week at St Thomas's Community Network, Dudley.

Valerie Little, who is director for public health in Dudley, says they were advocating a minimum pricing level as part of a measures to bring further reductions to the death rate.

In the report she said: "The real change that would make the biggest difference is to tackle the affordability and availability of cheap alcohol."

"Advocating for a 50p minimum unit price would deliver noticeable health gains for those that consume large amounts of cheap alcohol."

Festival is a cut above the rest



Canal enthusiasts Steve Bingham and Gavin Lawson enjoy a cuppa during the festival

THOUSANDS of people flocked to the banks of Dudley Canal for a biannual festival. Visitors to Parkhead Canal Festival sampled the sounds and smells of old-fashioned Black Country life across the two-day event this weekend.

There was also a special touch to the event this year as it celebrated 50 years of Dudley Canal Trust.

More than 70 boats covered the water at Blowers Green Pumphouse, while there was craft stalls and vintage cars and steam engines for visitors to enjoy.

Steve Bingham, chair of the organising committee, said: "We've had thousands of visitors and thankfully we've had some lovely weather. The show has been a huge success overall."

One of the major attractions was a horse-drawn boat, while the Dudley Duck Race also brought smiles to faces.

Mr Bingham said: "We've been running trips down the Dudley Tunnel as well, and people have been commenting that they have had a great day. We run this every two years and this is our seventh festival now."

Thieves steal charity tins

CHARITY tins containing money for ill children were stolen from McDonalds in Coseley during a break-in.

Thieves tried to steal the safe after disabling the alarm system in the building on Birmingham New Road during the early hours of Sunday.

But their efforts were unsuccessful and the raiders instead escaped with money from the tins, collecting in aid of Ronald McDonald House Charities which supports Birmingham Children's Hospital.

Anyone with information is urged to call police on 101.

Archive crafts

DUDLEY Archives and Local History Centre in Tipton Road hosts a craft fair on Saturday, October 18.

The free admission event, from 10am to 4pm, will feature a range of craft exhibits and demonstrations. Tours of the centre will be available on the day.

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Bungling burglar is spared jail term

A BUNGLING burglar who made so much noise that he woke the occupant has been spared jail. He had tried to gain access via a window space covered by two doors tied together with wire, a judge heard.

The occupant of the dwelling in Fletcher Street, Stourbridge, alerted police after being woken by what he thought was the sound of somebody on the roof.

Miss Heather Chamberlain, prosecuting, told Wolverhampton Crown Court: "The burglar was in something of a state of disrepair. One of the bedrooms did not have a window. This was covered by old doors secured together with wire."

Police called to the scene on June 29 found 28-year-old Kelvin Wakeman at the rear of the property. A welding machine, drill and floodlight taken from the burglar were stacked outside. Wakeman's fingerprint was found on a door.

Mr Harbinder Lally, defending, said: "He knows he was stupid. All the stolen items were recovered."

Wakeman from Balldene, Lye, had seven previous convictions, none for burglary. He pleaded guilty to burglary and was given supervision for two years with drug rehabilitation.

Canal group history lesson

THE next meeting of the Staffordshire and Worcestershire Canal Society will be held on Monday, October 13.

It takes place at the Bradmore Community Centre, Birches Barn Road in Wolverhampton, from 7.30pm.

The speaker will be the historian Brian Draper, who will be giving a talk on The Warwickshire Avon.

Admission is free and all visitors are welcome.

For any further information call Chris Dyeche on 01384 375582 or email christopherdyeche@hotmail.com

Chip shop arrests

TWO men were arrested after a car smashed into a chip shop in Dudley following a police chase.

Power tools believed to have been thrown from the vehicle before the crash happened at Goodies in Tansey Green Road, Pensnett, have been recovered by police.

Region must build on industrial history – Duke



The Duke of York visits the Express & Star

THE Black Country is the 'bedrock' of British manufacturing and its expertise must never be forgotten, the Duke of York has declared.

Prince Andrew made the comments during a visit to our sister daily the Express & Star, where he backed the Ladder for the Black Country campaign drawn up to help thousands of youngsters get a job by creating apprenticeships.

He said it was a 'local solution' to a national youth unemployment problem and said the region should build on its proud industrial history.

"The Black Country has been at the centre of manufacturing right from the get-go of the industrial revolution," he said. "It has not lost that position – it has perhaps felt it is forgotten. But it must never forget it has been that bedrock and has that knowledge, has that experience, and it has that capability."

His Royal Highness is the patron of the Ladder for the Black Country campaign which is urging businesses to take on an apprentice and for young people to grab the opportunity of a paid work-based training scheme. The campaign got off to a flying

start, creating 100 jobs in just seven days. The Black Country has the worst rates of youth unemployment in the country.

Backed by the Duke the Express & Star has teamed up with the Vine Trust, a charity already helping to get young people into work, to create new apprenticeships.

Training provider Performance Through People (PTP), the Black Country Chamber of Commerce, and Ikea Wednesbury are also leading partners. Businesses and apprentices can call the Ladder for Black Country hotline on 0332409699 or go to ladderfortheblackcountry.co.uk

New education centre plan for old school site

A £1.2 million project to create an education and training centre on the site of a former school in Dudley has been unveiled.

Pensnett High School has been lying empty for four years. Now Dudley Council has revealed it wants to set up a learning base to provide education over 16s with learning disabilities.

A £1m grant has been secured towards the project, which includes demolishing former buildings on the site including the main school building that fronts Tiled House Lane and the linked science block.

Girl, aged 3, in hospital after crash

A THREE-year-old girl is still being treated at hospital in Birmingham after suffering a head injury when a car ploughed through a fence at a school in Dudley.

Her grandmother was also taken to hospital after the car knocked down a large metal fence at Milkings Bank Primary School in Aintree Way, Dudley, at 3.15pm on Monday of last week.

Shocked

The three-year-old girl was taken to Birmingham Children's Hospital where she arrived in a critical condition, while her grandmother was taken to Dudley's Russells Hall Hospital with a fractured leg.

The driver of the car, a man in his 70s, was voluntarily interviewed at the scene.

Richard Mason, headteacher at Milkings Bank Primary School, said: "We are extremely shocked and saddened by Monday's incident and all of our thoughts are with the young girl and her family."

The new centre which will be created by refurbishing one of the remaining buildings and will be run by Pens Meadow Special School.

Members of the council's cabinet were being asked to approve the project, including demolition work, at a meeting yesterday (Wednesday). A series of consultation events on the proposals will take place later this year.

Councillor Tim Crumpton, cabinet member for children's services, said: "We have a great opportunity for some of our special needs children to lead a good quality of life post 16 close to their parents. It will also make use of an empty school site which is costing money to secure, which I am sure will be welcomed by the local community too."

The council has secured £1m from the Education Funding Agency for the work with a further £270,000 from the council.

Ward councillor Judy Foster said: "I welcome the plans as it will mean the school is used again for a valuable purpose."

The high school closed in 2010 due to dwindling numbers after failing to hit education targets.

Zoo buys British to keep animals well fed



Best of British produce – keeper Steph Sawyer hands out salad to the cheeky lemurs at Dudley Zoo

MORE than 1,300 animals live at Dudley Zoo, and that's a lot of hungry mouths to feed.

Although the exotic creatures come from all corners of the world, the food they eat is sourced from a lot closer to home. In fact, some is right on their doorstep.

The zoo's weekly food bill is around £2,300. Bosses always strive to get best value for money, which is why they buy British.

Fruit and vegetables come from

Shropshire, Herefordshire and Worcestershire, cereals from Staffordshire and bamboo is grown on the zoo site at Castle Hill.

Harvest

Now it's harvest time the animals are getting their teeth into a selection of seasonal food.

Staff have been distributing a wide range of autumnal foods including onions, carrots, potatoes, apples and

pears to the 200 species which make up the 1,300 animal at the attraction.

From cheeky meerkats to lofty giraffes, they are all able to enjoy the wide range of local produce.

"All of our animals enjoy a well-balanced diet that takes advantage of seasonal produce," said the zoo's head of media and communications, Jill Hitchman.

"We know how important it is to buy British, we've been doing it for the past 77 years."

NEWS IN BRIEF

Body is found in a Coseley flat

EMERGENCY services were called to a Coseley property after the body of a pensioner was found.

Police cars and an ambulance could be seen outside the flat near to McDonald's on Birmingham New Road at the weekend. The body of a man in his 70s was found but police are not treating the death as suspicious. It is believed he may have died from carbon monoxide poisoning.

Inspector Phil Jones said: "The Health and Safety Executive have been informed but at this stage the death is not being treated as suspicious."

TV doctor in allergy warning

TV'S Dr Hilary Jones was yesterday (Wednesday) due to visit Holly Hall Academy in Dudley, with Emma Wileman from the charity Haydn's Wish.

The visit is part of their campaign to alert children to the potential dangers of allergies. Ms Wileman's nine-year-old son Haydn died three years ago from a heart attack brought on by an allergic reaction to peanuts while eating his regular breakfast cereal, having developed an undiagnosed allergy.

Bake and books for MND charity

RAFFLE prizes ranging from theatre tickets to a free dog grooming session will feature in a Bake & Book Sale being held in aid of charity at Wall Heath later this month.

Alexandra Hill is organising the event in aid of the Motor Neurone Disease Association, being held at St Andrew's United Reformed Church in Foundry Road on Saturday, October 18, from 11am.

Harvest festival fair and service

A HARVEST Festival will be held at St Francis Church on Saturday from 11am to 2pm.

The event at the church in Laurel Road, Dudley, will include stalls, tombolas, raffles and games, with refreshments available. Money raised will go to church funds. The following day the Harvest Festival service is at 11am.

Poet at the library

POET Liz Berry will be reading some of her work in Gornal Library this afternoon (Thursday). The Sedgley-born poet will be at the Abbey Road venue in Lower Gornal from 2.30pm.

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GREAT moments in catering. In a chic little cafe this week the waitress coughed over our table, apologised for coughing, coughed some more, took the order and returned with a pot of clotted cream topped with a thick black hair. She seemed surprised not to get a tip.

STILL on grub, is there any difference between that new restaurant phenomenon "pulled pork" and what we used to call grossly overcooked pork?

"FIXING the economy for everyone!" That was Ed Ball's war cry in his Conference speech. Well, he certainly fixed it last time, didn't he?

WHILE politicians of all parties blather about the problems of housing, education, transport and health, how many know in their hearts that there is only one problem? It is the one caused by successive governments allowing the population of this country to rise, in the space of a single lifetime, from 50 million to 70 million.

GOOD to see His Serene Eminence Milord Prescott popping up at Labour's Conference. You can always rely on Prezza to warn that the grapes of wrath are coming home to roost, so we must all keep our feet firmly on terra-cotta.

WOULDN'T you feel more like congratulating India on its space mission to Mars if India had first fed, clothed, educated and housed its own people? Indian newspapers celebrated the success but nearly 300 million Indians were unable to read the news.

A QUARTER of a billion pounds goes missing from Tesco's accounts. No excuses. A reader points out that Tesco sells calculators, starting at £5.50.



DURING the referendum campaign Alex Salmond was promising a Utopian Scotland full of freedom, equality and democracy. So you might imagine, when he resigned, that the choice of his successor would be a shining example of those three principles, with all SNP branches putting forward their best candidates for a fair and transparent election process. Dream on. The job appears to have been reserved for Salmond's deputy, Nicola Sturgeon. It's all sorted, lads. Nae need for a vote.

WONDERFUL to see Plebs (ITV2) back. The second series about three no-hopers in ancient Rome seems as sharp, rude and riotously funny as the first. But it is also more lavish with some expensive sets. So let me issue a soothsayer sort of warning: Beware the fate of Red Dwarf. When it first burst upon our screens in 1988, Red Dwarf was rough and ready with wobbly sets but it was original, fresh and funny. As the second and subsequent series came along, the sets and special effects improved but the comedy didn't.

FROM next week when you tax your car you won't get a paper tax disc. Instead, it will all be done digitally by the DVLA. You can either remove the existing tax disc from your vehicle or display it until it expires. So will you be binning yours? Me neither. As anyone who has watched those police documentaries knows, computer records are not perfect. It is not unknown for the cops to tow away a car for not being insured, even though it is fully covered. The tax disc is visible, tangible proof that we have paid our tax, so who in their right mind would throw away a valid one? Indeed, I wouldn't be surprised if some bright company starts producing private-enterprise documents with your DVLA reference number, details and receipt neatly printed on a small windscreen sticker. It could be circular. We could call it a tax disc.

Don't miss Peter Rhodes every Monday to Friday in your Express & Star

Overdose kills 'life and soul of party'

A SHOP worker from Gornal died after spending a night drinking and taking drugs, a coroner has ruled.

Black Country senior coroner Robin Balmain said Richard Steven-ton, aged 29, who worked at Co-op Food Store in Diddale Road in Dud-le-y, died from a morphine overdose after spending a night at a friend's house, where he had been drinking wine and taking cocaine.

Mr Steven-ton, of Parkhouse Gar-dens, Gornal, had told a friend he was worried about being HIV pos-itive and was self-conscious about scars he had from previous self-harm.

Happy

But Gemma Bayliss said he was happy when the pair were talking in the early hours of March 31.

She said: "He had bought three bottles of wine and we had drunk those and another one during the night, but he only had two or three lines of cocaine."

"I went upstairs to look after my daughter because she was feeling ill."

"When I came downstairs, I no-ticed his eyes were glazed over and his skin was grey, and called an am-bulance straight away."

Miss Bayliss said she had mor-phine in her house due to her ar-thritis but no one knew where she kept it.

His sister Kerry-Ann Goodman said Mr Steven-ton enjoyed life and was always the life and soul of the party.

Mr Balmain ruled that Mr Ste-ven-ton had died from morphine toxicity.

Patients get help so meals are not wasted

DOZENS of volunteers have been recruited to help patients eat their meals at Russells Hall Hospital in Dudley.

It comes as a wider range of meals are trialled on the wards as part of plans to revamp hospital food.

There are 73 'nutrition support' workers, who help to encourage patients to eat to help their recuperation and also assist them with their meals if they need a hand. They also help make drinks for patients and ensure they have drinking water.

Paula Clark, chief executive of Dudley Group NHS Foundation Trust, which runs the hospital, said: "We have recently recruited 73 nutrition support volunteers to help patients with their nutrition and hydration needs."

"The volunteers provide mealtime assistance by making drinks, helping with feeding, assisting with menu selection, encouraging eating and drinking and changing drinking water for patients."

"To make sure our patients receive the very best care and support during their stay, nutrition support volunteers receive in-depth training provided by our nursing staff, dietitians and speech and language therapists."

Managers are also look at ways to improve the menu. There are also plans to introduce a more automated system of ensuring that patients and staff are rewarmed about meals rather

By Heather Large

than relying on hand bells.

The mealtime assistant is offered for breakfast between 7.30am and 9.30am for lunch between 11.30am and 1pm and then for dinner between 5pm and 6.30pm.

Ms Clark said: "We are also introducing a new chosen-by-patients menu."

"We asked patients which dishes they enjoyed on our current menu and what they would like to see offered in the future. Using this information our dietitians created a new menu that we are now trialling on three of our wards."

"Patients on our general surgery, respiratory and children's wards are given a choice of meals from our new menu at lunch and dinner."

"We hope input from our patients will help us fine tune and create a final menu that can be rolled out to all wards across the hospital."

She added that the reaction of patients had been "overwhelmingly positive".

Healthy event for families

A FREE community event is being held to celebrate World Mental Health Day.

Dudley and Walsall Mental Health Partnership NHS Trust is organising the event at Priory Park in Dudley on Saturday, October 11.

The 'Be Happy, Be Healthy' event aims to promote the importance of looking after people's physical and mental health, and will offer free health checks, games and activities for the whole family.

The event will take place from 12 to 4pm at Priory Park in Dudley. For more details call (01384) 324531.

Sinead joins the Jersey Boys



The Jersey Boys and Halesowen actress Sinead Long coming to Birmingham

A STYLISH performance from the cast of Jersey Boys launched the Birmingham leg of the hit musical's UK tour.

The quartet playing Frankie Valli and The Four Seasons took to the stage at The Jam House to run through a medley of the band's 1960s and 70s hits.

Jersey Boys follows the story of the band from the mean streets of New Jersey to international fame.

The tour features local talent, including former Halesowen schoolgirl Sinead Long.

Now 24, Sinead, who went to Our Lady and St Kenelm Primary and Hagley RC High School, plays more than 10 roles in the show and is looking forward to being back home for the festive period as the show is at the city's New Alexandra Theatre from December 9 until January 4.

She said: "I am so lucky to have Christmas and New Year at home, because one thing about touring is sometimes we don't feel like we have a base, so I am lucky to have a whole month with my family."

Searching for Santa of grotto on canal

AN ATTRACTION has launched a search for Santa. Dudley Canal Trust is looking for a jolly white-bearded candidate to take the seat of honour in its underground Christmas grotto.

The trust will be running its Santa special weekend boat trips into the Dudley Canal Tunnel and limestone mines in December and needs to find a Father Christmas for the December 7, 14 and 21 dates.

Joy

It is looking for someone happy to go underground and bring the joy of the festive season to families, handing over Christmas presents to youngsters.

Anyone who can help is invited to contact Nick Morris on 0121 557 6265.

The trust, which was formed in 1970, runs trips through the tunnels throughout the year but the Santa specials are particularly popular.

Tickets for the hour-long Santa specials cost £10.80 and include hot drinks and mince pies for parents.

The entertainment also includes Christmas carols. The trips run every half hour from 10am to 5pm.

See <http://dudleycanal-trust.org.uk/special-events/>

IT warning to hospitals

MP for Dudley North Ian Austin has urged hospital bosses to make sure their information technology licenses are in order to avoid hefty fees.

Following the Government's decision to scrap a contract with Microsoft, individual NHS trusts will have to purchase and document software purchases.

Mr Austin said: "I'm really concerned that the hospital could be hit by further costs. As a result debts are mounting up at Rus-sells Hall, jobs are at risk and local people are facing longer waits at A&E."

Society booster

AN autumn fair is being held in aid of the Children's Society at a Sedgley venue.

The event on Saturday at Sedgley parish hall in Vicar Street will raise money for the society that fights child poverty and neglect. It is free admission and on from 11am to 2pm.

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Vote call on new plan for mosque

CALLS have been made for a local referendum over revised plans to build a mosque in Dudley.

Dudley Muslim Association has lodged new designs for the development earmarked for a site off Hall Street, as the community call for a modern building to replace the Castle Hill mosque.

It comes despite an on-going legal battle between the association and Dudley Council over the site, where the council has refused previous mosque plans.

Costs

Now a UKIP representative is asking the council to hold a referendum to make the final decision on the scheme.

Sedgley councillor Bill Etheridge, also a UKIP Euro MP representing the West Midlands said: "The costs of the referendum, although significant, should be set against the legal costs already incurred and potential future action involving the council and taxpayers' money."

The latest submission has seen the overall size of the development reduced with a shorter minaret, so it will not be taller than nearby buildings.

Rubbish is cleaned away

DUDLEY Council workers have been out to clear up rubbish left strewn near a main road in Lye.

Councillors have urged people to report similar problems after residents demanded a clean-up of Clinic Drive, where the litter problem has escalated. Piles of rubbish had been dumped close to the High Street.

Environment boss Councillor Hilary Bills said the council was 'following up' leads in a bid to apprehend those responsible. Litter problems can be reported to Dudley Council Plus on 0300 555 2345.

Walk after AGM

THE Wildlife Trust for Birmingham and the Black Country is inviting nature lovers to take part in a guided woodland walk following its annual general meeting at Sandwell Park Farm, on October 26 at 2pm. The walk will take in woods in the Sandwell Valley.

Neighbouring councils in row over benefits

A COUNCIL boss in Sandwell has launched a stinging attack on Dudley Council for 'dumping' people in the neighbouring borough.

Finance chief Councillor Steve Eling hit out at Dudley after a High Court ruling that judged Sandwell's scheme to clamp down on 'benefits tourism' was illegal.

Now the 7,000 low-earning and unemployed residents in Sandwell do not currently pay council tax but face being made to pay 10 per cent of the bill.

Sandwell Council is considering the measure after the High Court ruled it could not withhold support from people who had lived in the borough for less than two years.

Sandwell Council implemented a two-year residency requirement on those wanting reductions to council tax bills, after Government cut council tax benefit. But the move was ruled to be illegal and discriminatory by a High Court judge and left Sandwell with a £40,000 legal bill.

Dudley Council had been temporarily

housing 10 vulnerable women in a hostel in Blackheath but was forced to pay £2,604.77 to Sandwell in council tax, as the women could not get a reduction due to the rule.

Councillor Eling said: "We have found cases of vulnerable people being dumped by London boroughs in our area without any kind of support but we do not expect it to be done by our neighbours.

"The court case was about three of these women who were placed in Sandwell by Dudley Council, and we forced Dudley to

pick up the bills. We asked Dudley Council to tell the court that we had required them to carry out their duties in relation to these women, including meeting costs. But they refused to tell the court what happened.

"Had Dudley Council told the court about this then the outcome of the case might have been very different."

Dudley Council leader Councillor David Sparks said: "In view of the importance of the judgement I have asked for a review of the procedure."

Free shoppers' parking in run up to Christmas

SHOPPERS will be given a festive boost with free car parking on weekends leading up to Christmas.

Councillors hope the move will encourage families into town centre over the festive season and help footfall for stores.

Both Dudley and Sandwell councils have revealed plans to suspend charges for motorists at council-run car parks in the boroughs.

Officials revealed that potentially thousands of pounds in revenue to the councils will be lost by the move.

But council leaders said that the move was an important gesture of goodwill to shoppers in the build up to the festive season.

Night

Dudley Council will continue its seasonal trend of suspending charges, which it first started in 1993.

The council plans to suspend parking charges on the December 6, 13 and 20 on all council controlled car parks.

Shoppers could also get a further bonus as the authority plan to suspend parking charges on one late shopping night in November or December too.

A report to transport boss Councillor Khurshid Ahmed said: "The suspension of car park charges is seen as a goodwill gesture on behalf of the council and an added incentive for shoppers to visit the borough on the run up to Christmas."

Fitness sessions launched

A PROGRAMME of fitness sessions at community venues across the Black Country has been launched.

They are taking place across Blackheath, Cradley Heath, Oldbury, Smethwick, West Bromwich, Tipton and Wednesbury, and include sessions in Zumba, aerobics, circuits, pilates and yoga.

For a list of classes, times and venues visit Sandwell Leisure Trust's the www.slt-leisure.co.uk website.

By Andrew Turton

Officials believe the suspension of charges could result in up to £26,000 of potential income being lost.

But they believe that losses will be reduced due to extra takings generated during the remainder of the week throughout the busy Christmas period resulting in a net shortfall nearer £13,000.

A final decision by the council is due soon.

Sandwell Council have revealed that it plans to allow free parking on off street car parks on the two Saturdays before Christmas.

Transport lead councillor Maria Crompton, said: "We will be having free parking on the two Saturdays before Christmas at off street council car parks.

"We hope this will encourage people to stay and shop in our town centres and help traders during the Christmas shopping period."

She added: "Parking in our car parks is already free on Sundays."



Olympic athlete Daniel Caines meets pupils at St. Edmund and St. John Primary School

Olympic runner inspires students

BE the best you can be — that was the message given to Dudley pupils as Olympian and world indoor 400m champion Daniel Caines visited their school.

The runner and three-time national champion visited St Edmund and St John Primary School on Beechwood Road last week to give a talk, before visiting each class to answer questions and sign autographs.

His visit was part of the 21st Century Legacy campaign which was set up after the 2012 London Games.

Daniel, who is from Solihull, and made his Olympic debut at the Sydney Games in 2000, told students: "I had always wanted to go to the Olympics but I never thought I was good enough."

"I had barely made the school team and had even finished fifth on sports day, which meant I didn't even make the relay team."

Despite taking up running at the age of nine, he did not even win a race until he was 16.

"Instead of getting frustrated I stopped and thought 'right, what can I do to change this?'" he said. "Then I started getting better and faster."

Daniel is also a European Gold and Bronze medallist.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Consultation on £5m road scheme

A CONSULTATION has been launched over a £5 million project aimed at cutting tailbacks on Pennett High Street.

Dudley Council has drawn up plans to relieve congestion along the route passing Russells Hall Hospital.

The project would see two sets of traffic lights introduced at junctions with Tansey Green Road and High Oak, plus road widening and new pedestrian crossings.

The consultation period is set to run until October 17.

Cuddly toy sales boost zoo coffers

DUDLEY Zoo sold a record number of cuddly animal toys during the summer.

Sales during the six-week period topped £62,000 — a shop record for the attraction.

Retail manager Isobel Blackwell said: "During the six-week period we sold 8,727 soft toys taking over £10,000 a week on them alone, which is incredible. Cuddly toys have always been great sellers at Dudley Zoo as visitors like taking a reminder home of their favourite animal."

Business up for a major gym award

A LADIES' only gym has been shortlisted for a top industry award.

Unique Fitness 4 Ladies Only, at Castle Hill, Dudley, has been listed for the Ladies Only Gym Of The Year title at the National Fitness Awards in November, where it will vie with six other gyms for the title. Gym owner Raj Kaur said: "It is fantastic news to hear that we have been shortlisted."

Laughter with yoga sessions

PEOPLE can take part in laughter yoga sessions in Wordsley.

Maggie Thompson is leading the sessions which use a combination of deep breathing exercises and laughter.

The next session takes place on October 13 from 7pm at Wordsley Community Centre, at The Green, Wordsley.

Official opening

A CAFE at a Sedgley church will be officially opened on Saturday at 10am by Dudley Mayor Councillor Margaret Aston. The cafe at St Andrew's, Bilston Street, has been serving for a month.

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IN MY VIEW

with Mark Andrews

FOLLOWING the Scottish referendum and the promise of 'devo max' north of the border, there are calls now for greater devolution in England, with more power being given to the region.

Certainly, it sounds great in theory. After all, who wouldn't rather be governed by people who think and speak like them, rather than a remote metropolitan elite? A bit of Black Country commonsense would be the perfect counter-balance to the trendy London values we always seem to have imposed on us at the moment.

However, 40 years after Westminster trampled on centuries of history by forcing a new county on the people of this area – the little-lamented West Midlands County Council – we should all be sceptical about any plans for another regional assembly in this neck of the woods.

What would inevitably happen is that government apparatchiks will spend millions dreaming up some equally abstract 'city region' centred on Birmingham, where the London metropolitan elite will be replaced by a new, equally remote Birmingham metropolitan elite forcing its own equally bizarre ideas on us all.

Meanwhile, our great historic towns and cities will be reduced to the role of suburbs to the great Brummie metropolis.

As a true Black Country mon, it has been galling to see the way local and central government functionaries have taken it upon themselves to redefine our area along the lines of four local authority boundaries, which themselves were dreamt up in 1974. More regional government will surely only mean more of the same.

If we are serious about devolution in Britain, how about the ruling classes stop trying to define our identities for us? And instead of horse trading among local authorities, why don't our local authorities stick to solely representing the areas they serve? Dudley, Wolverhampton, Walsall and West Brom are, each, in their own right, some of the biggest towns in Britain. Real devolution would surely mean giving them the confidence to stand on their own two feet.

And while they're at it, they could make a start by restoring their status within the traditional ceremonial counties of Staffordshire and Worcestershire.

CELEBRITY benefit claimant Josie Cunningham has hit out at the father of her new-born baby. According to the would-be glamour model and former prostitute, she was duped by the man who told her he was footballer Curtis Davies, but actually turned out to be an imposter.

She thinks she was duped? She ought to try being an Aston Villa fan. We paid Albion £10 million for a man claiming to be Curtis Davies. And he couldn't play football either.



Eve Billingham and her son, Arthur



Nigel's grandmother Mary Priest



Nigel's mother Iris Brazier, in 1964



Nigel as a younger man, with faggots

Have our faggots met their maker?

DANIEL WAINWRIGHT looks at the potential demise of a traditional Black Country foodstuff

HAVE we seen the last of the proper Black Country faggot?

When Nigel Brazier's family-run shop shut after 125 years he took the recipe for good 'old-fashioned pork faggots with him.

Now the 64-year-old has found a buyer for The Cook Shop in Old Hill – and it will be nothing whatsoever to do with food.

Mr Brazier, who closed the Halesowen Road business and put it up for sale for £120,000 because he wanted to retire, is writing a book about his shop's history and pledges to include a recipe with every chapter, including for his faggots.

And these were good faggots too, Mr Brazier says. There were people queuing up for them on the final Saturday before his shop closed.

"I think we were the last of the cook shops selling faggots in the Black Country," he says.

To be absolutely clear, Mr Brazier is not suggesting his shop was the last in the Black Country to make faggots.

Plenty of butchers and others make them too. The Cook Shop, however, sold other groceries. People would get their soup and their sugar along with their meat.

Even so, he thinks the art of proper faggot making is dying out.

"You sometimes see chefs come up with new recipes and they're putting all sorts of things in them – garlic, half a dozen herbs, red wine.

"These recipes date back to the 1800s. Black Country housewives didn't have red wine to pour into their faggots. If they had it, they'd drink it.

"The faggot is a way of using other bits of pig you couldn't put anywhere



Last days – Nigel Brazier with senior sales assistant Diane Cooper

else. You could use everything from a pig bar its squeal."

The recipes in his book have been written for decades. What the public will have to wait for is the story of The Cook Shop and the generations who got it through the First and Second World Wars.

Mr Brazier has been in the shop his whole life. He helped his mother Iris out when he was a boy, during the

school holidays, and then took over in 1965.

It was started by his great grandmother, Eve Billingham, in 1889 using the front room of her home in Old Hill High Street. She sold the Black Country food she cooked herself.

The business was passed down to her daughter Mary and husband Joe Priest before it was given to Iris and Bill Brazier and finally to Nigel.

He will now enjoy retirement with wife Anne. Their four sons have all found careers of their own and live in Exeter, Sheffield, Lancaster and the Lake District.

So the recipes will have to be something people use at home instead of buying from The Cook Shop.

"When it comes to the recipes, 'simple' should be tattooed over the heart," says Mr Brazier.

"If you put anything other than simple ingredients in a faggot it might taste good but it ceases to be a Black Country faggot.

"It's the same when it comes to Black Country bread pudding."

Mystery surrounds the identity of the person buying The Cook Shop.

"It will be an entirely different business," says Mr Brazier, from Clent, near Stourbridge. "It's nothing to do with food. The buyer wants it kept under wraps."

Challenge

And it could be another 12 months before the book is written and released so people can have a go at making the faggots for themselves. There is what sounds like a challenge to other faggot makers to prove they can keep the proper Black Country faggots going.

"When we closed we served 300 to 400 people on the Saturday mornings," Mr Brazier says.

"I don't think there's anyone else out there doing what we did.

"Black Country food is simple. That's its secret and that's its beauty.

"It's in the way the ingredients are all brought together.

"We closed a successful business.

"The reason we survived so long was we created a niche market for ourselves. No-one, or at least very few others, did it like we did.

"People wanted to come here."

*Who makes the best Black Country faggots? Email newsdesk@expressandstar.co.uk or call 01902 319410.

WEEK IN POLITICS

with Daniel Wainwright

THEY say politics is show business for ugly people. Cruel and uncalled for as that may be, if there's a sliver of truth in it then the party conference season must be the equivalent of the V Festival.

It's Birmingham's turn to host the Tories again with the promise of a £17 million boost for the economy as a result. This, if anything, is the big one.

Here's the senior party in Government, rallying its troops en masse for the final big autumn gathering before the General Election.

"Go back to your constituencies and prepare for government," said no-one who ever actually made it in to government (it was David Steel in 1981).

So the conference needs to be a carefully worded plea to the electorate as well as a way to unite the party.

Ed Miliband's speech to the Labour conference in Manchester was certainly not his finest hour. Forgetting to mention the deficit and immigration – two of the reasons voters turned against the party in 2010 – was a serious gaffe.

Labour may be ahead in the opinion polls but typically that gap narrows the closer we get to General Elections as voters opt for the status quo.

None of this gives David Cameron room for complacency. He faces the fight of his life to stay in power and the West Midlands is going to be essential.

Labour seats in the Black Country and Staffordshire fell to the Tories in 2010 but the political map looks very different today. For a start, Cannock Chase and Dudley South will both get a new MP regardless of who wins. Aidan Burley and Chris Kelly, two of the 2010 intake, are standing down.

Their replacements as candidates do not have the benefit of incumbency. Nor will they have had much time to get to know their constituencies.

Then there is the 'grass roots' support. When Mr Cameron came to power, three out of the four Black Country councils were controlled by the Tories.

Now they're all Labour again. And in Sandwell there is just a single Conservative councillor.

Don't forget Ukip either. In Cannock Chase, the Tories are third behind them.

In opposition in councils, the Tories don't have a record to stand by, for better or worse.

Labour, however, is making cuts it says go against the very reason many of its councillors went into public service but get to blame everything on the Government.

There will be pledges, promises and policies that come out of Tory party conference, all of which will be aimed at getting us to see the Conservatives as safe pairs of hands. The one they'll want us to remember may as well be borrowed from Bill Clinton's campaign: "It's the economy, stupid."

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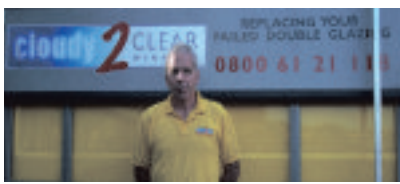
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Referendum to decide mosque issue

THERE is a new proposal from Dudley Muslim Association with a new design for development at the Hall Street site in Dudley.

This issue has been dragging on for many years now with hundreds of thousands of pounds worth of taxpayers' money spent on legal battles. More importantly the issue has created social division and ill feeling, passions still run high. The politicians have failed dismally to deal with this matter and it is time for a new approach.

UKIP policy is for controversial local planning issues to go to a referendum. Local residents should have their say.

The costs of such a referendum would be as nothing compared to the money already spent on legal battles and potential future expense. This would draw a line under the matter and stop any more lawyers filling their wallets at the expense of Dudley taxpayers.

The political parties and Dudley Muslim Association should sign up to an agreement to abide by the will of the people.

I personally believe that the status quo is unacceptable and the present Dudley Mosque is not fit for purpose. However, how the situation changes should be decided by the people of Dudley. If they vote against the Hall Street development it should be an end to the matter and more acceptable solutions looked into.

Let us lead the way in Dudley through a referendum which, I believe, would be the first of its kind in the UK. Let the people decide.

**BILL ETHERIDGE MEP
Sedgley**

Police cuts yet crime going down

IT has finally come out.

Home Secretary Theresa May and this coalition government have with their austerity cuts lost 16,000 police officers in four years — and she has the audacity to say crime is down.

It's down because the cash-strapped police are no longer attending to break-ins, burglary and car thefts.

Is this the security that the coalition government are now offering to the victims of these crimes?

What has this country come to with regards to people's security?

This surely is going to mean vigilante groups starting up. It is going to be absolutely catastrophic.

I say roll on next May when the people of this country can vote with their feet.

We have surely had enough of this coalition government.

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Devolving power is easier said than done

FOLLOWING the result of Scotland's referendum, the relief on Mr Cameron's face was plain for all to see.

Striding out with confidence and cross-party support he announced a complete overhaul of the constitution not only in Scotland, but also in England. He proudly proclaimed his intentions for devolving power to the regions in England.

What a marvellous new idea, but is it really new?

Rewind to 1966. The Labour Government introduced semi-autonomous metropolitan regional councils to oversee common services such as health, education, highways, police, fire brigades, waste management, etc.

The metropolitan regions were abolished by the Thatcher government during the 1980s. The official reason was that regional councils were a costly and unnecessary layer of government. I believe that they were abolished because most of them returned Labour control in elections. With Maggie being the megalomaniac she was, she couldn't accept any form of socialism, democratic or not. I wonder how permanent Mr Cameron's attempts will be if those elected also oppose his views?

**M CLIFF
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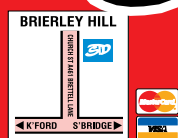
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Grieving mother has launched a petition

THE grieving mother of a heroin addict who died of a drug overdose the same day he came out of prison has launched a petition calling for more to be done to help addicts.

Jason Bailey died at his mother's home in Halesowen on June 4 after overdosing on heroin.

His mother, Beverly Bailey, said her son was released from prison following a 10-week stint for shop theft as having no fixed abode, with around £100 he had earned from working in prison.

She has started a petition to change the release system for known drug addicts from prison, by giving them vouchers or a credit card system which limits what they spend their money on.

Mrs Bailey said: "I think it makes more sense that when they come out of prison to be able to get support and get the things they need to, rather than going out and spending it on drugs."

"A credit card system which can allow them to spend money on transport, food, clothing and pay for a hostel or a halfway house would support them rather than just giving them money to spend on drugs."

"If anything good can

By Jon Pritchard

come from what has happened to us is a complete change of the system. It could save some families from having to go through the heartache that we have gone through."

She said she wanted to make people aware of the lack of support that is given to drug addicts when released from prison.

Mr Robin Balmain, senior coroner for the Black Country, said at the inquest into Jason's death that he would write to the prison service to express his concerns. He commented: "There was no support services available. It seems to me there was every likelihood he would buy heroin, which is exactly what he did."

See www.change.org and search Beverly Bailey.

True blue Margot turns pink for charity



Stourbridge MP Margot James will be in the pink for breast cancer awareness next month

STOURBRIDGE MP Margot James has taken part in an event for the Breast Cancer Campaign by wearing pink for the charity's flagship fundraising day.

She joined several other MPs as part of the charity's annual wear it pink event in Parliament.

The charity, which raises awareness and money for breast cancer research, is encouraging people to wear pink on October 24, whether to work or school, as part of the campaign.

Vital

The Conservative MP said: "Every year in the UK over 50,000 women and around 350 men are diagnosed with breast cancer. The Breast Cancer Campaign does excellent work funding the vital research that saves and improves lives, giving people quicker diagnoses and more effective treatments. I hope people will join me by wearing pink on October 24 and show support for breast cancer research."

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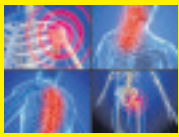
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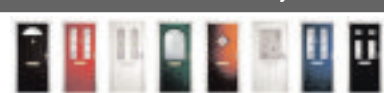
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Westminster really must listen to the people's views

WHENEVER I do one of my local surveys, or someone in Dudley gets in touch with me about an issue they're concerned about, I always pass on their concerns to those in charge of Labour's policies as well as Tory Ministers.

I think it's important that the people running the Labour party are listening to people in Dudley even if the Government isn't. That's why I was really pleased to hear so many of the issues that local people have raised with me addressed at last week's Labour conference.

When me or a member of my family is ill, we queue up at Russells Hall like anybody else in Dudley, so I'm really concerned about what's happening to waiting times at our local hospital.

Over the last couple of months I have spoken to hundreds of people in Dudley about Russells Hall Hospital, and more than nine in ten said they were concerned about the effect that the hospital's £12 million deficit could have on services and waiting times.

I shared the results of that survey with my Labour colleagues and last week we announced that Labour would bring in a new 'time to care' fund to make sure the NHS always has the time to provide the care we all rely on.

Twenty thousand more doctors, 8,000 more GPs, more midwives and care workers paid for by a 'mansion tax' on the most expensive properties to help hospitals like Russells Hall that have been hit hard under the Tories.

It was the same story with

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'I promise that I'll also push for a new immigration bill in the first 12 months of the next Government, if I'm re-elected'

lots of other issues. Labour set out plans to have as many people in apprenticeships as going to university, to build 200,000 new homes every year, to push the minimum wage up to £8 an hour, to tackle zero-hours contracts and to make sure that everyone is able to get a GP appointment within 48 hours.

Only Labour is listening to people in Dudley and proposing these policies to make them better off. If you agree with me that the Government should be doing more to support staff at Russells Hall and bring down rising waiting times then please sign my online petition at www.ianaustin.co.uk.

Hundreds of people have

already signed up and I'll be presenting their names to Parliament to put pressure on David Cameron to keep his promises on the NHS.

People often tell me that politicians in Westminster don't care what they've got to say about immigration, but I know it's an important issue and politicians should be listening. That's why over the last few weeks I've held a dozen meetings across Dudley to hear what local people think.

There were things that most people could agree on, like giving people a say on our membership of the EU and making sure that the benefits system is fair to people who have always lived and worked here.

I've been calling for an EU referendum for years and I recently stood up in the House of Commons to say we should have one before the next election. The Government hasn't been able to sort this out to public satisfaction. I think people should be trusted to have their say.

I would keep a free-trade single market but I think we should make our own decisions on things like UK relations with the rest of the world, domestic law and social security.

I also think there's more that the Government can do right now to address local people's concerns. I think we should change the benefits system so that you can only take benefits out of the system if you have paid into it first. I think we should enforce the minimum wage so employers can't exploit foreign labour to undercut local workers. And I think the Government should reverse its cuts to the border force.

One thing came through loud and clear at every meeting: people want their concerns heard in Westminster. That's something that I'm determined to do.

I will be taking advantage of every opportunity to raise points made at these meetings in House of Commons debates. I promise that I'll also push for a new immigration bill in the first 12 months of the next Government if I'm re-elected, and I will be telling politicians in Westminster exactly what local people say should be in it.

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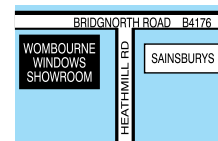
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Battle of Britain air heroes remembered

IT was, as Winston Churchill proclaimed, 'our finest hour'.

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They were paying their respects to those who lost their lives during the nearly four-month long campaign to defend the country against the German airforce.

British airmen were joined by other nationalities including Polish, Czech, Belgian and Commonwealth pilots in the battle which raged in the sky over southern Britain from July to the end of October 1940.

A total of 544 RAF pilots and aircrew died with hundreds wounded.

Pilot Officer Tim Parkes, officer commander for the 451 Stourbridge Air Training Corps, took his squadron to pay tribute to those who lost their lives at the event in Stourbridge.

He said: "We take part every year because it's an important event for our organisation. The Air Training Corps was founded at a time when there was a shortage of pilots in the run up to the Battle of Britain. So for us it's very important."

There was a marching band in the park and a wreath laying ceremony took place.

The squadron is expecting to take on the organising of the event next year when the RAF Association is expected to step down from the role.

In Dudley Air Training Corps, cadets took part in a parade from Priory Road, through the town centre to St Thomas and St Luke's Church.

A civic service of remembrance was held at the church, led by the Rev Canon Judith Oliver, attended by civic guests, veterans and members of the public.

After the service the parade made its way back to Priory Road where



War veterans took part in the annual Battle of Britain parades held in Dudley



Young and old showed their respect for the dead at a remembrance service

Commander Jon Milsom from RAF Cosford, alongside Mayor of Dudley Councillor Margaret Aston, took the salute on the steps of the council house.

Council leader David Sparks, cabinet member for transport Councillor Khurshid Ahmed, chairman of South Staffordshire Council Councillor, Janet Johnson Chief Superinten-

dent for Dudley Chris Johnson were among those who attended along with Sandwell deputy mayor Councillor Shirley Hosell and Walsall deputy mayor Councillor Angela Underhill.

Councillor Aston said: "I'm so pleased that so many people turned out to take part in the proceedings and help mark this very important occasion."

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Pub is home for Holmes as TV presenter drops by

TELEVISION presenter Eamonn Holmes made a special trip to sample a pint of good old Black Country ale during a visit to meet friends from a brewery.

The journalist, who works at Sky News and ITV's This Morning, arrived to enjoy lunch and a tippale at Sadler's Brewery, which is based in Lye, Stourbridge.

Staff at the brewery, which runs the neighbouring Windsor Castle Inn, off Stourbridge Road, have met the star at events over the years.

And when he said he had some free time after finishing presenting the breakfast programme on Sky on Monday they invited him up to the Black Country.

Mr Holmes spent four hours chatting to staff and customers at the pub, including managing director Chris Sadler.

All this was while enjoying his favourite drink, Sadler's Peaky Blinder ale, named in honour of the Birmingham gang that inspired the hit BBC TV series.

He also looked through the brewery's plans to expand into new premises in the town.

Supporter

Sadler's sales director, Ian King, who is friends with Holmes, said: "It was great that he could come up to see us and he has been a long time supporter of the brewery."

"He was great and was happy to chat to staff and the customers. A few of the customers were shocked to see him in the pub while they were having their lunch."

"He came straight up after presenting on Sky at 9.30am."



Eamonn Holmes at the Windsor Castle pub in Stourbridge Road, Lye, to sample his favourite beer

Volunteers needed to help the vulnerable

AN APPEAL has been launched for volunteers to join a new service offering support to vulnerable people in the Black Country.

The aim of the befriending service, which has been developed by Dudley Council's housing support team, is to provide one to one and group assistance to housing tenants who are lonely, isolated or facing a difficult time.

The scheme intends to help people gain a more positive outlook by becoming more involved in society. Whenever possible, a befriender is matched with someone with the same interests.

Councillor Gaye Partridge said: "This service will provide a vital role in today's society as many people feel isolated and in need of a helping hand. We have housing support officers who identify those tenants who are in need of this assistance and match them with an appropriate volunteer. The ultimate aim is for individuals to enjoy a better quality of life."

Anyone interested in volunteering for the service should call 07827 873394 or email stayconnected@dudley.gov.uk

Councils in united bid to take over rail service

COUNCILS in the West Midlands have asked the Government to give them control of rail services, including the ability to set fares.

Fourteen authorities, including the four Black Country boroughs and Birmingham, have set up a consortium called West Midlands Rail, which they want to be the public body responsible for train services once rail company London Midland's franchise ends in 2017.

The councils met at Stafford's County Buildings to sign a proposition that is now being sent to Transport Secretary Patrick McLoughlin.

They also say it will help them get the most out of the £50 billion high speed rail line HS2.

Jobs

The authorities believe devolving powers from central Government to the West Midlands would create a better railway for passengers and bring more jobs.

The councils say having more responsibility for the franchise to run services through the West Midlands would help them lay down minimum standards of service, including punctuality and reliability and hold the train operator to account.

They would also be able to set fares, manage stations and have a say on security and car parking.

Councils were powerless in the final months last year when London Midland cancelled hundreds of services because of a shortage of drivers.

The company ranked seventh in the country for cancellations, scrapping 14,368 throughout the whole 2013/14 and has come under fire for reducing opening hours at ticket offices.

By Daniel Wainwright

The councils involved are Wolverhampton, Dudley, Sandwell, Walsall, Staffordshire, Birmingham, Shropshire, Telford and Wrekin, Worcestershire, Coventry, Solihull, Warwickshire, Herefordshire and Northamptonshire.

The submission follows an approach by the Department for Transport which asked English regions for thoughts on taking over the commissioning and management of local rail services.

Councillor Roger Lawrence, leader of Wolverhampton City Council and chairman of West Midlands Rail, said: "The submission of this proposition is a major step towards securing local management and ultimately delivering better rail services focussed on the real needs of West Midlands passengers."

Only two areas of the UK currently have locally managed rail networks — London and Merseyside.

Housing system is under the spotlight

A REVIEW of Dudley Council's housing services is taking place with housing tenants and leaseholders being asked to take part in a consultation.

The council will look at improvements which could be made to the housing services department.

Among the moves already introduced are home checks, carried out regularly by housing managers and increased involvement by tenants groups.

Housing boss Councillor Gaye Partridge, said: "It is important we know how our customers feel about the service provided by housing. We want to know what we are doing well, or poorly, where we are particularly productive and how we can make improvements. I would encourage tenants to complete our online questionnaire, attend any of our events or join one of our customer focus groups."

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Val chawks up win in art contest

Pelsall E TG

AN astounding display of art and craft items greeted members on their arrival at the meeting on September 18, all made at and by The Craft Patch at Swan Works, Pelsall Road, Brownhills.

Kerry Middleton gave an interesting overview of all the items, from a large Decopatch giraffe to small felt teddy bears, explaining how they were made and what courses were available at their Craft Patch workshop. Several members experimented with Decopatch, a system of tissue paper patches glued to paper mache shapes and glazed to look like ceramics.

Val Chalker won the art & craft competition with a display of hand-knitted cup cakes, and the monthly raffle was won by Ann Salt.

The walking group has been extending the range of their walks and have enjoyed Lichfield and Chase-water as well as the local footpaths/canal towpaths. The Health Sculpture trail and Visitor Centre on Canock Chase is the next challenge. Walks begin at Pelsall Community Centre, at 10am each Wednesday.

At the October 16 meeting at Pelsall Community Centre, Ian Bott will take members on a Magical Midlands Mystery Tour via his illustrated talk.

The guild meets on the third Thursday of each month at 7.45pm at Pelsall Community Centre, Station Road.

For further information, call 01922 496465 or 01922 693278.

Talking 'shop' at September meeting

Troupe entertains with Irish dancing

Grange 'E' TG

CHAIRMAN Hazel Smith read the previous minutes at the September meeting, held at Grange Court, Stourbridge. These were approved and signed before treasurer Jill Attwood gave an up-to-date financial report.

Marlene O'Hanlon informed members that all speakers had been booked for 2015 and that items for the shoebox collection were going well.

Chris Holton also reported that items for the food bank were still coming in on a regular basis.

With all business completed the evening continued with a Harvest Supper.

The supper was preceded by a programme of Irish dancing provided by a local dance school. The five members of the dance group were very talented and had won many awards.

The evening continued with Harvest Supper with the food all prepared and served by committee members.

The evening was a huge success and thanks were given to the committee for all their hard work.

The raffle was drawn with three lucky ladies winning prizes.

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday October 7 when the speaker will be Mrs Dowthwaite giving a talk entitled 'Getting Ready for Christmas'.

If anyone is interested in joining the Guild or coming along as a visitor, call secretary Jean Williams on 01384 832439 for more details.

Kingswinford & District Historical Society

THE Society meets on the first Monday in the month at the Community Centre, High Street, Kingswinford.

At the September meeting, Ned Williams' topic was 'Looking at Shops'. He showed how shopping had developed from the outdoor market, to the front room of a house to the High Street shop and on to today's supermarket.

Pictures of shop fronts showed their development from a side door to a double fronted shop with the signage designed to encourage the customer to enter.

Butchers' shops seemed to have retained their original character, many remaining as a family concern. The corporate image was portrayed in giving the shop fronts the same look and colour, e.g. Woolworths and Burton's. Today, shopping malls are more appealing and the village store and High Street shops find it difficult to compete.

On October 6 at 7.30pm, Alan Thornton will speak on 'The History of Cadbury's' followed by tea and biscuits.

Successful summer events

Tettenhall and District WI

TETTENHALL & District Women's institute have enjoyed two very successful events over the summer period.

Everyone enjoyed a lovely day at Tettenhall summer fair in July selling jam and jewellery.

The money raised was donated to a local charity the Haven. It was followed in August by a very pleasant evening on a guided tour and talk on the history of Bridgnorth

and then a lovely meal afterwards. Both events were well supported by members and friends.

Tettenhall & district is a local branch of the WI and meets every second Monday of the month at The United Reformed Church, Mount Road, Tettenhall, at 7.30pm.

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Graeme French from Adelaide at the wheel of the Bean 14



Where it all began — the family snap of the Woodalls their car on holiday in 1925

Family's 10,000-mile trip for a reunion with a 1920s motorcar

IT'S a treasured family photograph — a family of four enjoying a holiday in Wales in their shiny new convertible classic car.

And the snap, from the 1920s, has led one family to make a 10,000-mile journey from their home in Australia to see that very same car almost nearly 100 years later.

The classic Bean 14 belonged to the grandfather of Graeme French, aged 77, who last week travelled from Adelaide with his son Timothy to the Black Country Living Museum, which became the car's home in the 1970s when it was restored.

The black and white picture of the car, which would have been made in one of Bean's factories in Dudley and Coseley, shows a relaxed-looking Thomas Woodall, then managing director of an iron and steel works, reading a newspaper. He is with his son Wilfred, in the driver's seat, his other son Eric and daughter Winifred, who sit behind him looking at the photographer.

MEMORY LANE

By Alex Ross

Winifred was Mr French's mother and the photograph was passed on to him, but he never expected to see that fancy car again, let alone take a ride in it.

Restoration

Mr French was born in Australia after his mother emigrated in 1929.

He received a newspaper cutting at his Australian home in the 1970s showing a story about the restoration of the Bean 14 his grandfather purchased for £395 in about 1924.

Mr French, a retired financial advisor, then organised to see the car at its new home at the Black Country Living Museum during a visit to the country in the 1990s.

Last week he returned with his son Timothy to take another look at the vehicle and to take it on a ride around the museum

grounds. Holding the old family picture of the car, he said: "It's a real beauty, isn't it?"

"It has been wonderful for me to find my grandfather's car. It had always been a vehicle I'd look at through the picture and admired, but never thought I'd see it and go in it myself."

He believes the photograph was taken in the north Wales seaside resort of Rhyl and is thought to be about a year after his grandfather purchased the car.

Bean Cars brought out the Bean 14 model in 1923, making about 4,000 up to 1929. There is thought to only be about 200 to 300 in working order today.

The number 14 reflected the horsepower of the engine, which was used to tax the car, with £1 a year for each horsepower value.

The car has four gears and drives at about 45 mph comfortably. It has black leather seats.

Mr French said: "When my grandfather purchased the car he was living in Stanmore Road in Edgbaston — there were only two other cars in the road at the time, so

it was quite a sight for the neighbours and the family remembered it well. But with my grandfather's ill health I think it then got left in a lock-up garage and then under my grandmother's ownership was lost.

"I'd often see the picture of the car when growing up and marvel at it, but never did I think I would see it, until aunt sent me an article cutting about the same car being restored. I could not believe it.

"The story was about the car being found and so when I came next to England in the 1990s I made a point of seeing it. Seeing it working was amazing — it completed the picture for me and felt special getting inside it."

Mr French's son, Timothy, 45, a chartered accountant, said: "It's a fabulous car which is special to our family."

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Also don't forget to plan ahead and make a reservation at one of Southwater's new restaurants. There is lots on offer at Bella Italia, Mimosa, Harvester, Chimichanga, Pizza Express, Nando's and Zizzi's.

The day will end with a bang when Free Radio presenters Sam and Mark take the stage at 6pm entertaining the crowds and counting down to a theatrical grand opening ceremony with an underwater themed procession of giant fish lanterns and music around the lake followed by a firework grand finale at 8.30pm.

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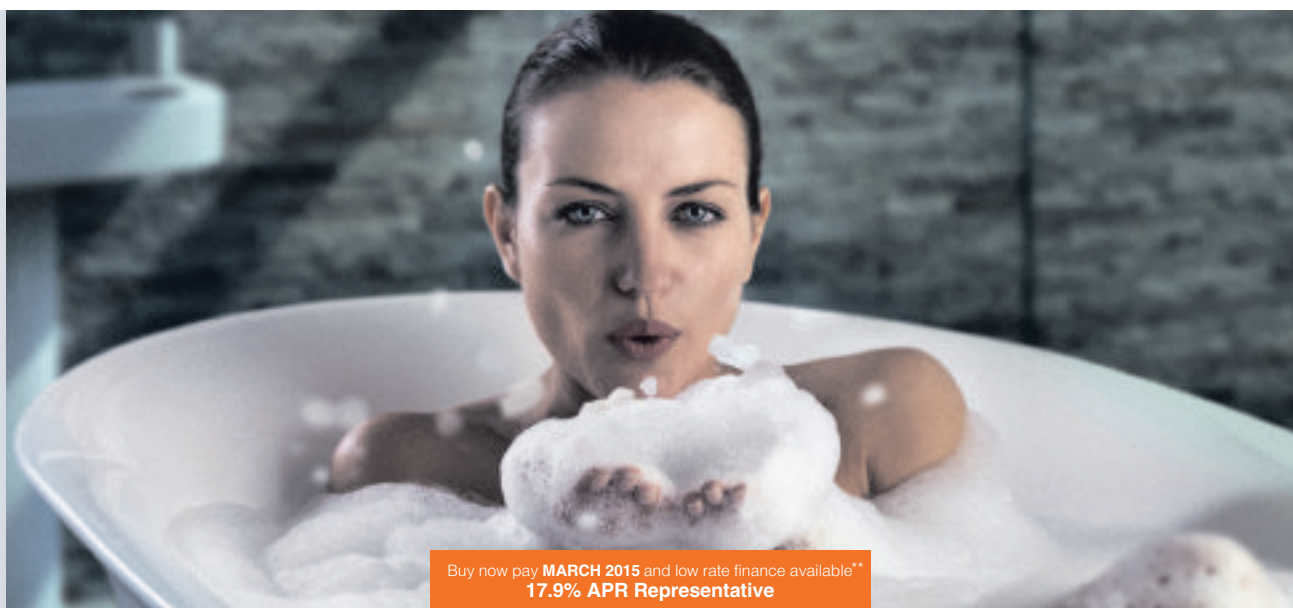
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Volunteers bring in a bumper crop at vineyard



Volunteer Dan Smith helps to collect the crop of grapes at Halfpenny Green Vineyard, near Stourbridge

PERFECT weather conditions have yielded a bumper crop of grapes at Halfpenny Green vineyard.

An enthusiastic band of volunteers has been hard at work all week to help bring in this year's harvest.

Two warm weeks at the start of September have meant that the grapes are of the highest quality, bosses said today.

The crop of both red and white grapes will now go straight to the vineyard's winery where they will be turned into the finest wine.

Administrator Beverley Downing paid tribute to the army of volunteers and said this year's crop were the best yet.

"It's been a great year for us from the vine's point of view," she said. "There were no late frosts and the grapes flower at the end of July. It was quite dry, which was what was needed, and the first two weeks in September were warm, so it's been perfect."

"Last year we had a huge crop and it was great for quantity, but this year the quality is superb," she said.

The vineyard, at Tom Lane, Bobbington, is open seven days a week for

people to view the blossoming harvest. Self-guided tours are offered which describe the French, German and hybrid varieties planted.

Ms Downing said: "We have an army of volunteers who come back year after year."

"We have a lot of pickers and they were all there for the first day of the harvesting."

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It's hard to imagine that his retired assembly worker could ever be knocked back. But failing teeth "became an embarrassment,"

she recalls. Recently she was fitted with implant-retained dentures, inspired by a newspaper article on Steven Burchell's work at the Denture Clinic.

She says: "You don't realise how having bad teeth can affect you until you have treatment like this and you get the confidence back. The whole shape of my mouth has changed. I could not have wished for better treatment. My care was first class and Steven has become like family to us."

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Transformation with technology

THE Kingswinford School has undergone its biggest transformation in over a quarter of a century, following investment of more than £1 million.

Funding for the school, much made available by the move to academy status in January 2012, has enabled the construction of a new block of three large classrooms, complete with eco-friendly air-conditioning.

One room is also equipped with 30 computers, which are housed in pop-up desks of contemporary design, taking the total number of computers in the school to over 500. This funding also provided the opportunity to refurbish many other areas including a new science laboratory.

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In music, alongside traditional instruments and keyboards are Apple Mac computers enabling students to be more ambitious and dynamic with their compositions in a range of musical genres.

In design and technology, workshops for food and textiles have been completely redesigned. Light, spacious facilities with the latest appliances enhance students' skills and Apple Mac machines allow them to use the

latest software for Computer Aided Design (CAD) and be at the cutting edge of technology. Students have returned with renewed enthusiasm and are relishing the opportunity to unleash their imaginations through the use of 21st century technology. Alongside state-of-the-art innovation, the relocation has also provided a larger space for a school library, an inviting, quiet space. Exciting developments in the promotion of reading continue to improve the literacy and the knowledge of students.



Chair of governors Michael Price and principal Graham Lloyd opened the new sports hall

Excellence for all at academy

HOLLY Hall Academy in Dudley is on the crest of a wave celebrating some of the best examination results in its history.

The new £1.6 million sports centre opened last term and facilities included a large sports hall, fitness suite, dance studio and outdoor gymnasium.

Principal Graham Lloyd said: "Every-one connected with the academy is immensely proud of our success. Our

students work very hard and are serious about their learning and we have excellent relationships between home and academy life.

"I have a team of well qualified, dedicated and enthusiastic staff and governors who strive to ensure that every student has the opportunity to be the best they can be.

"Holly Hall is small enough to care and knows its students and their families well.

"However, it is also large enough to deliver an increasing number of personalised learning programmes de-

signed to meet the needs of each individual student."

Promoting healthy minds in healthy bodies is part of the academy team's ethos along with developing the skills, knowledge and attitudes which enable students to not only be successful with their learning, but to go on to become active citizens who will enjoy a sound economic future and make a positive contribution to their community.

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Wolves legends in match to help hospital's A&E

FORMER Wolves legends laced their boots up in the name of charity, raising money for equipment at a Black Country hospital's A&E department.

Mel Eves, Steve Bull, Jody Craddock and Dale Rudge all appeared at the charity match in Stourbridge.

Dudley's Russells Hall Hospital A&E staff and the Dudley Group Charity teams had a number of special guests to help them out in a bid to raise funds.

Crowd

The A&E staff, with the help of Jody Craddock and Dale Rudge, ran out 4-0 winners in a match that was supported by a 600-strong crowd.

Paul Smith, a clinical support worker at the hospital who helped organise the match, said: "It was absolutely fantastic and it's really pleasing to get the support from the ex-professionals."

"Jody is still a very good player and Dale played really well."

"Mel Eves enjoyed himself and was joking around, and Steve Bull had a crowd around him the whole time of people who wanted pictures with him," he said.

The charity match at the weekend raised money for new equipment for the emergency department, including a vein finder and sensory equipment for children.

Mr Smith said: "We raised about £1,000 we think, we are still counting it up at the moment."

"It will go towards new equipment for the equipment for the emergency department."

"We had somewhere between 620 and 640 people come to watch which is just brilliant."



Health finance boss and ref Paul Assinder with Jody Craddock and Mel Eves



The victorious Emergency Department football team led by Jody Craddock

"The teams were really well supported, and they were treated to some good football."

"The teams mixed really well and there was a good team spirit on both sides."

On Saturday, there will be a presentation evening for the players at The Village Hotel in Dudley, where Mr Rudge will also be attending.

Mr Smith said: "We have Jenny Jones from The Voice coming to that and Dale will also be there."

Appreciate

"Jody Craddock and Steve Bull both raise money for their own charities and they have other engagements on Saturday but we really appreciate them supporting us this weekend."

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Recently the school was pleased to announce that it was recognised as being in the top 50 most improved secondary schools nationally."

In June they were delighted to collect the SSAT Educational Outcomes Award 2014 on behalf of all staff and students of Crestwood School in Kingwinford in recognition of its place in the top 20 per cent of schools nationally for outstanding student progress. Sports facilities continue to be up-

graded and exciting times are ahead with a new launch pending that will open facilities to the wider community.

In June the team welcomed Ofsted for Crestwood's inspection and staff and students were excellent throughout the two days. Pleased with the outcome, the school announced the official confirmation that Crestwood is a 'good' school. Visit www.ofsted.gov.uk for the full report.

To top off the year's achievements once again Crestwood students have excelled in 2014 achieving better than nationally expected progress particularly in English and maths with 60 per cent of students achieving five A* - C grades (inc English and maths).

Dedicated staff together with a positive learning environment has ensured the class of 2014 achieved great results.

The formation of the Invictus Multi Academy Trust with Edgely, Ellowes Hall and Ounsdale Schools is planned for December 2014. This unique collaboration offers the facility to share and draw from a vast pool of expertise and resources.

If you are unable to attend the open evening on Wednesday, October 8 or open mornings in October on Thursday 9, Friday 10 and Monday 13 and would like to see the school in action please call to arrange an appointment and guided tour.



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Tributes are paid to a guardian of the canals

TRIBUTES have been pouring in for a waterways campaigner who helped preserve Midlands waterways.

Vic Smallshire, who was a founder of Dudley Canal Trust, has died aged 69 after a battle against cancer. He was a leading figure in helping to establish the trust in the face of concerns over the future of the Dudley canal tunnels.

In his younger days he helped build a small boat, the Aurora, with his father William. The boat was often seen journeying on the Black Country canal network.

Mr Smallshire was born in Bradley, Bilston, and worked for the National Coal Board as a mine surveyor at Baggeridge Colliery. He had also worked at a water utility company as chief surveyor.

When Mr Smallshire was stopped from taking his boat into the Dudley canal tunnel by officials, this sparked a bid to save the tunnel, mothballed in 1962. It reopened in 1973 after restoration by volunteers.

Chairman of Dudley Canal Trust



Dudley Canal Trust's Vic Smallshire



The homemade boat Aurora on the canal

(Trips) Ltd, Jeff Luesley, said: "It was down to his drive and initiative that the former British Transport Commission's plans to close Dudley Tunnel and adjoining waterways were thwarted with the foundation of Dudley Canal Tunnel Preservation Society, soon to become the Dudley Canal Trust. The trust reopened the tunnel and its as-

sociated limestone mines and caverns and created what was to become one of the Black Country's leading industrial tourism spots with upwards of 80,000 visitors a year."

Mr Smallshire is survived by his three children, Robert, Ian and Heather and four grandchildren. His wife Joy died in 1996.



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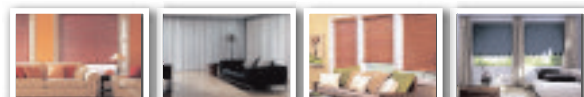


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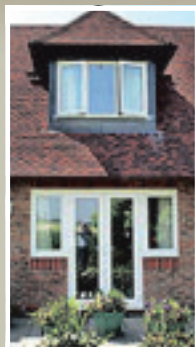
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Harmony reigns with singing sisters 26

The Pierces, Glee Club, Birmingham
THE singing sisters from Birmingham Alabama brought their dreamy folk-pop to Birmingham UK and it was much appreciated at a bursting at the seams Glee Club.

Newly released fifth album *Creation* hasn't quite elevated the LA-based 30something siblings to major venue status yet but that was to the benefit of those crammed into the low-ceilinged room, who got close up and

personal with one of the best duos on the planet.

Opener *Elements* set the tone, an anthemic blast of West Coast rock perfectly pitched at the Pierces' demographic, a Radio 2ish audience who probably have Fleetwood Mac and the Mamas and Papas in their record collection. Even *The Pierces* release on vinyl these days.

Backed by a four-piece band, the spine-tingling harmonies of Cath-

rine and Allison are where the magic happens and were employed superbly on *Believe In Me* and *You'll Be Mine*. That blend was heard to best effect on unplugged encore, a cover of Simon and Garfunkel's *Kathy's Song*.

The sisters, blonde hippiesque Catherine and brunette guitar strumming Allison, have a rapport hard to find outside family. Final encore, the aptly named *Glorious*, showed that this sister act can be enchanting.

Sold out success for 1975

1975,

Wolverhampton Civic Hall
TIGHT Liverpool outfit *Circa Waves* warmed things up nicely with their abrasive choppy guitar rock and promise to become more than Merseyside's answer to *The Strokes*.

But the night belonged to Manchester's 1975 with a sold out gig that suggested the funky groove pop of their debut album has captured the imagination of many in their teens and 20s. Wilmslow boy Matt Healy, son of TV actors Tim Healy and Denise Welch, has a practised nonchalant air, confidently owning the stage as he swigged from his bottle when not strumming guitar or singing. His former road kill hairstyle has now developed into an unruly mop.

The 80-minute set got off to a flyer with *The City and Settle Down* but sagged in the middle with too many Spandau Ballet-like sax flourishes and a couple of indulgent dirges. But they were soon back in their stride with *Girls* before the crowd-pleasing encore of *Robbers*, *Chocolate* and *Sex*.

REVIEWS

By Leon Burakowski



Getting low down and dirty while dancing are Roseanna Frascona and Gareth Bailey

Audiences have the time of their lives at Dirty Dancing

Dirty Dancing, Wolverhampton Grand
THEY had the time of their lives. The *Dirty Dancing* devotees descended on the Grand in their hundreds for a show that celebrates and captures the magic of the classic movie.

How could a stage adaptation match the much-loved romantic movie starring Patrick Swayze and Jennifer Grey? Brilliantly.

And that's thanks to the care and the craft. The care has come from the way it has been adapted by the movie's writer Eleanor Bergstein and the craft is in the classy staging that is worthy of the West End. A revolving stage and clever yet subtle use of video trickery enhance the atmosphere of upstate New York holiday resort

Kellerman's, where teen lust simmers beneath wholesome fun in the summer of '63.

Hip-swivelling Gareth Bailey literally doesn't put a foot wrong as Johnny Castle, the dance instructor from the wrong side of the tracks. This contrasts with Roseanna Frascona's doe-eyed innocence as Baby Houseman, awkwardness belying a steely determination to do the right thing.

It is in the set pieces that the show really takes off, the line 'Nobody puts Baby in a corner' and the famous dancefloor lift getting roars of approval from the predominantly female audience.

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Oxjam prepares a takeover of city

OXJAM Music Festival takes place every October to raise money for Oxfam and is organised by volunteers. In Wolverhampton there will be events at various venues and October 18 will see 'takeover' day in the city.

A total of 24 local acts will be taking part at four venues — The Dog & Doublet, The Lighthouse Media Centre, The Slade Rooms and the Hungry Bistro.

Takeover manager Jess Hoyle said: "Wolverhampton has some great musical and artistic talent and this is an opportunity to celebrate that while raising money for a brilliant cause." Tickets are £9 and the wristband will allow entry to all the venues. See www.oxjamwolverhampton.co.uk

Led Zep tribute is back with a bang

BOOT-LED-ZEPPELIN are due to arrive with a bang at the Robin 2 in Bilston on Saturday. The tribute to Led Zeppelin will include lasers, pyrotechnics and even a 'flaming gong'.

Other tributes at the Mount Pleasant venue include ELO Again tomorrow (Friday), Hi-On Maiden with Sack Sabbath and the Thin Lizzy Experience on October 10, Robert Alexander Giles as Michael Jackson on October 17.

Meanwhile, fans of Elvis Presley have lots on offer with Gordon Kendricks recreating Aloha From Hawaii at Birmingham New Alexandra Theatre tomorrow and Lee Memphis King at the Robin on October 24.

Fourth singing sister taking on starring role in Blood Brothers

Jake's aim is to keep music real

NOT all youngsters are in thrall to The X Factor, 1D or whatever next act Simon Cowell tells them they should like.

The rise of Jake Bugg is testimony to that, although you will find a few grey hairs among young fans when the acoustic guitar slinger from Nottingham plays consecutive nights at Wolverhampton Civic Hall on Monday and Tuesday.

The singer-songwriter has railed against: "manufactured pop bands — they don't have any heart, they don't have any soul."

There's a hint of Lennon about the 20-year-old who arrived with Lightning Bolt and a self-titled debut album at 18. Second album Shangri La sounded rushed but cemented his success.

It will be worth turning up early to catch support act, brothers Hudson Taylor. Rousing single Chasing Rubies suggests that Irish siblings Harry and Alfie have lots of potential.



Jake Bugg has railed against 'manufactured pop bands' — despite guesting on American Idol

WHEN Maureen Nolan took on the role of long-suffering mother Mrs Johnstone in hit musical Blood Brothers she became the fourth Nolan sister to star in the part.

Creator Willy Russell's dramatic Liverpool blend of music, tragedy and humour saw Blood Brothers become a massive success.

The tale of two brothers separated at birth, but set on a collision course in life, ran in London's West End for 24 years and next year will mark its 20th year of touring. In that time it has become a regular and much-loved fixture on the booking list for theatres nationwide.

Iconic

The latest version, directed by Bob Tomson and Merseyside-born theatre mogul Bill Kenwright, will feature Maureen Nolan in the iconic role previously played by her sisters Bernie, who died last year after a battle with cancer, Denise and Linda.

From an Irish showbusiness background but raised in Blackpool, Maureen was a member of singing sisters The Nolans for more than 30 years. The Nolans were hugely successful in the 1970s and 80s, enjoying phenomenal record sales worldwide, particularly in Japan where they sold more records than The Beatles.

Arriving at Birmingham Hippodrome this month,



Maureen Nolan stars

award-winning musical Blood Brothers tells the moving story of a mother's haunting secret. The score includes A Bright New Day, Marilyn Monroe and the emotionally charged Tell Me It's Not True.

Willy Russell's credits include hit plays Educating Rita and Shirley Valentine, both turned into successful films.

Blood Brothers will run from Monday, October 13, to Saturday, October 25. Tickets are priced £18 to £38 and available on 0844 338 5000 or online at birminghamhippodrome.com

'Cursed' novel is turned into a play

A SUPPOSEDLY 'cursed' novel is being brought to the stage in Birmingham.

The Frozen Scream is the first play by Tipping The Velvet and Finger-Smith novelist Sarah Walters and was co-written with Christopher Green, who directs and appears in the production at Birmingham Hippodrome from January 7 to 17.

The play will feature veteran actress Rula Lenska, from EastEnders, Coronation Street and, memorably, Celebrity Big Brother.

The 1928 novel by CC Gilbert, in which guests stranded by a winter storm tell stories about a character called Jack Frost, was linked to a series of mysterious deaths. The ghost story aims to chill audiences and is for over 16s.

Ritzy show is on way to the Grand

JUST days after Dirty Dancing leaves the Grand, another big hit West End musical will open at the Wolverhampton theatre.

Winner of the 2013 Olivier Awards for best new musical, choreography and costumes, Top Hat tap dances onto the stage with a celebration of the Hollywood golden age when Fred Astaire and Ginger Rogers reigned supreme.

Featuring such songs as Cheek to Cheek and Puttin' on the Ritz, the show will star Alan Burkitt and Charlotte Gooch, who were both in the London cast.

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Day 1: Meet our coach this morning on a leisurely drive to Chester. The City is a lively place on a Sunday, you'll find all the shops, cosy pubs and tea rooms open. You could enjoy a cruise on the River or walk the famous Roman Walls that surround the town centre. If you really want to splash out - take afternoon tea at the 5 star Grosvenor hotel! After a good afternoon in Chester we go to our hotel - just a few miles away.

Day 2: Enjoy a hearty buffet-style breakfast this morning then we board the coach and head to Liverpool. The coach will park up in the new Liverpool ONE shopping centre area which is right in the city centre. Albert Dock - just a few minutes walk away. Here you'll find The Beatles Story and many other attractions. We leave Liverpool mid-afternoon for home.

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Mike Rutherford and Phil Collins

Genesis: Together & Apart (BBC2, 9.15pm)

Many schoolboys get together to form a band, but few of them go on to become multi-million-selling recording artists – but that's what happened to Genesis. Its core members – Peter Gabriel, Mike Rutherford and Tony Banks – met at Charterhouse, a public school in Surrey, and began playing together with two other students in 1967. A few years and personnel changes later (including the addition of drummer Phil Collins) and the classic line-up was in place. But relationships within the band were fraught; Gabriel left for a solo career in 1975, and Rutherford, Collins, Banks and Steve Hackett carried on without him. Here, they're back together again to discuss their careers. Rare archive footage helps tell the story.

BBC1

7.30 Breakfast. 10.00 Saturday Kitchen Live. 11.30 The Catch. 12.00 The Big Breakfast. 1.00 An Extra Slice. (R) 12.00 BBC News. Weather. 12.10 Football Focus. 12.50 Saturday Sportsday. 1.00 Formula 1: Japanese Grand Prix – Qualifying. 2.30 Bargain Hunt. (R) 3.15 Escape to the Country. (R) 4.00 Final Score. 5.15 BBC News. Regional News. Weather. 5.30 Pointless Celebrities.

6.20 Strictly Come Dancing. Tess Daly and Claudia Winkleman present the first of this weekend's two shows – and this is when things get serious. There are no more second chances for the ninkie-toed stars – Pixie Lott, Jake Wood, Frankie Bridge, Gregg Wallace, Caroline Flack, Simon Webbe, Alison Hammond, Steve Backshall, Sunetra Sarker, Mark Wright, Jennifer Gibney, Scott Mills, Judy Murray, Thom Evans and Tim Wonnacott – as they and their partners step out onto the dance floor again. Tomorrow the first pro-celebrity couple will be leaving the competition, as their scores from judges Len Goodman, Bruno Tonioli, Craig Revel Horwood and Darcy Bussell are added to those of the voting viewers. But which pair will have performed their last dance? The results are tomorrow at 7.20pm.

8.30 Doctor Who. The time-travelling companions crash-land on the moon, where they find a mining base full of corpses – while vicious, spider-like creatures wait in the dark, ready to attack.

9.15 Casualty. Connie takes a few select members of staff for a day out, only for disaster to strike when their minibus collides with another vehicle. Jeff lets Dixie know where she stands.

10.05 The National Lottery Live. Gabby Roslin reveals the results of the Lotto and Thunderball draws.

10.15 BBC News. Weather.

10.30 Match of the Day. Gabby Logan presents highlights of the latest Premier League clashes; National Lottery Update.

11.50 The Football League Show. Manish Bhasin presents highlights and all the goals from the latest fixtures in the Championship, League One and League Two, including Watford v Brighton & Hove Albion.

1.10 Weather for the Week Ahead. 1.15 BBC News.

BBC2

6.00 This is BBC Two. 6.25 Film: The Falcon's Crest. (1949) 7.25 Film: The Charge of the Light Brigade. (1936) 9.20 The Trials of Life. (R) 10.10 The Trials of Life. (R) 10.55 Map Man. (R) 11.30 South Africa Walks. (R) 12.00 Lorraine Pascale: How to Be a Better Cook. (R) 12.30 The Little Paris Kitchen: Cooking with Rachel Khoo. (R) 1.00 Film: Flying Down to Rio. (1933) 2.25 Film: Follow the Fleet. (1936) 4.15 Rick Stein's Mediterranean Escapes. (R) 5.15 The £100K House: Tricks of the Trade. (R)

6.15 Restoring England's Heritage. Selina Scott visits historic buildings in the East Midlands in desperate need of restoration and investigates whether they have a future. First shown on BBC One East Midlands.

6.45 Gardeners' World. Monty Don offers advice on planting onions and garlic and Carol Klein takes first-time gardeners Dan and Dominique to RHS Rosemoor in Devon for seasonal inspiration. (R)

7.15 Flot! It Trade Secrets. The team looks into the difference a connection to a famous person makes to an item's value and presenter Paul Martin learns more about the life of children's author Arthur Ransome.

7.45 Penguins – Spy in the Huddle. David Tennant narrates an insight into three different species of penguin, using spy cameras to get closer to the birds as they travel to their breeding grounds. (R)

8.45 Dad's Army. Mainwaring and the platoon dress as firemen to take part in an initiative exercise, but soon find themselves tackling a real fire. Comedy, starring Arthur Lowe and Clive Dunn. (R)

9.15 Genesis: Together & Apart. Feature-length profile of one of the most successful British bands in rock, featuring interviews with Phil Collins, Peter Gabriel, Tony Banks, Mike Rutherford and Steve Hackett.

10.50 TOTIP2: Genesis. Archive performances by the band and its members.

11.30 Film: The Good Shepherd. (2006) A CIA worker faces a terrible choice between national security and ensuring the safety of his family. Fact-based spy drama, with Matt Damon and Robert De Niro, who also directed.

2.05 This is BBC Two. 5.50 Countryfile. (R)

ITV

6.00 CITV: Fort Boyard Ultimate Challenge. 6.25 Pat & Stan. (R) 6.35 Pat & Stan. (R) 6.40 Dino Dan. (R) 7.05 Canimals. (R) 7.10 Canimals. (R) 7.20 Om Nom Stories. (R) 7.25 Sooty. (R) 7.40 Mr Bean: The Animated Series. (R) 7.50 Matt Hatter Chronicles. 8.15 Nerds & Monsters. (R) 8.30 The Munch Box. 9.25 The Hungry Sultans. (R) 10.25 Murder, She Wrote. (R) 11.25 ITV News; Weather. 11.30 Storage Hoarders. (R) 12.30 May the Best House Win. (R) 1.30 The X Factor. (R) 2.30 Film: About a Boy. (2002) Romantic comedy, starring Hugh Grant and Toni Collette. 4.30 The X Factor. (R) 5.35 Off Their Rockers. (R)

6.05 Regional Programme: Weather. 6.15 ITV News; Weather. 6.30 New You've Been Framed! Surreal comedy with Harry Hill, inspired by viewers' clips. Andy Murray's mother uses his up to practice to toughen him up, and the Westminster chair takes a day off.

7.00 The Chase: Celebrity Special. Radio 2 presenter Ken Bruce, former England midfielder Paul Ince, EastEnders actress Laila Morse (Mo Harris) and boxer David Haye take on a trivia expert. Bradley Walsh hosts.

8.00 The X Factor. As the judges' houses stage continues, the route to the live shows draws tantalisingly closer for the remaining 24 acts, who perform in glamorous destinations around the world. Across the weekend, the over 25s try to impress Simon Cowell and Simita in Los Angeles, Cheryl Fernandez-Versini is with Tinie Tempah in the French city of Nice to audition the girls, Emma Bunton helps Mel B select the best boys in Cancun, Mexico, and Louis Walsh heads to Bermuda with Tulisa and the groups.

9.20 Through the Keyhole. Keith Lemon visits mystery celebrity homes and challenges this week's panel – Joey Essex, Carol Vorderman and Vernon Kay – to guess the identities of the famous owners.

10.15 ITV News. Weather.

10.30 Film: Red Heat. (1988) A Russian detective and a Chicago cop put aside their mutual mistrust to catch an escaped Soviet drug baron. Action thriller, starring Arnold Schwarzenegger.

12.25 Jackpot247. 3.00 The Jeremy Kyle Show USA. (R) 3.45 ITV Nightscreen.

CHANNEL 4

6.10 How I Met Your Mother. (R) 6.35 How I Met Your Mother. (R) 7.00 Trans World Sport. 8.00 The Morning Line. 9.00 Weekend Kitchen. 10.00 Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) 10.30 Frasier. (R) 11.30 Frasier. (R) 11.30 The Big Bang Theory. (R) 12.00 The Big Bang Theory. (R) 12.25 The Simpsons. (R) 12.55 Gadget Man. (R) 1.30 Channel 4 Racing. Live coverage from Ascot and Newmarket. 4.05 Come Dine with Me. (R) 4.35 Come Dine with Me. (R) 5.05 Come Dine with Me. (R)

6.05 Stars at Your Service. As part of the Stand Up to Cancer fundraising campaign, this series gives viewers the chance to book some of Britain's best-loved celebrities for any bespoke service.

7.05 Channel 4 News. 7.20 Sarah Beeny's Double You. A Birmingham couple take a huge gamble with their plan for a double-height extension, while a couple in Northamptonshire wait to develop their 1950s bungalow on a £75,000 budget. (R)

8.15 Grand Designs. Tracy Fox and husband Steve want to build an "urban shed" featuring two studios, three bedrooms and a double-height space with a walkway, made out of industrial-style materials including corrugated cement fibreboard and 20ft panels of polycarbonate sheeting. Having discovered an old milk yard tucked away behind some flats and shops in south-east London, their long-held desire to build a highly unconventional family home and workspace begins. (R)

9.20 Film: Battle: Los Angeles. (2011) The Earth is bombed by what appear to be meteors, but turn out to be the vanguard of an alien invasion force. As America's west coast comes under heavy attack, a platoon of soldiers is sent in to fight off the aliens and rescue civilians – but the troops have only a few hours to complete their mission before the area is bombed. Sci-fi thriller, with Aaron Eckhart and Ramon Rodriguez.

11.40 Rude Tube. Alex Zane looks at clips whose stars have become online celebrities in their own right. Last in the series. (R)

12.40 Alan Carr: Chatty Man. (R) 1.40 Homeland. (R) 2.40 Holyoaks. 4.45 Deal or No Deal. (R) 5.40 Win It Cook It. (R)

CHANNEL 5

6.00 Milkshake! 10.00 Chinese Food in Minutes. (R) 10.15 The Secret Life of Pets. (R) 10.45 The Nightmare Neighbour Next Door. (R) 11.45 Can't Pay? We'll Take It Away. (R) 12.45 Storage: Flog the Lot! (R) 1.40 Film: Patton. (1970) Biopic of the general whose short temper and rugged individuality inspired his men and infuriated his superiors during the Second World War. With George C. Scott and Karl Malden. Edited for language. 5.00 5 News Weather. 5.05 Film: Silverado. (1985) Western, with Kevin Kline and Kevin Costner.

7.35 Film: Joe Kidd. (1972) A bounty hunter is asked to capture a Mexican revolutionary leader, and accepts the job after the rebels men attack his own ranch. But when he witnesses the cruel methods used by his employer, he resolves to bring the fugitive to a fair trial rather than let him face rough justice. Western, starring Clint Eastwood, Robert Duvall and John Saxon. Part of the Clint Eastwood season. Edited for violence and language.

9.15 Film: A Fistful of Dollars. (1964) A mysterious gunslinger rides into a town on the Mexican border divided by two warring families. After killing the henchmen of one clan, he seems to have made it clear where his loyalties lie and is hired by their rivals. However, he is secretly planning to play them off against each other to his own advantage. Sergio Leone's Western, with Clint Eastwood making his first appearance as The Man with No Name alongside Gian Maria Volonte and Marianne Koch.

11.20 World War II in Colour. This edition looks at Hitler's plans to push his forces into the Soviet Union, beginning with the launch of Operation Barbarossa in the summer of 1941. (R)

12.15 SuperCasino. Viewers get the chance to take part in live interactive gaming with a mix of roulette-wheel spins and lively chat from the presenting team. 3.10 Benefit House: Me & My 22 Kids. This edition of the programme focuses on large families who depend on the benefits system. (R) 4.00 House Doctor. Property expert Ann Maurice applies her home improvement remedies to a house in Spennymoor, Co Durham, for the purpose of finding an eager buyer as soon as possible. (R) 4.25 Make It Big. (R) 5.15 Angels of Justice. (R) 5.40 Roary the Racing Car. (R)

DIGITAL

BBC Three 7.00 Great Movie Mistakes V: Revenge of the Fifth. 8.00 Top Gear 8.05 Film: King Fu Panda (2008) 10.30 Bad Education 11.00 Family Guy 1.30 Bad Education 2.00 Seann Walsh's Late Night Comedy Spectacular 2014 3.00 Impractical Jokers 4.00 Close

BBC Four 7.00 Yellowstone 8.00 Hidden Killers of the Victorian Home 9.00 Crimes of Passion 10.35 Could We Survive a Mega-Tsunami? 11.35 Top of the Pops: 1979 12.10 Sounds of the Eighties 1.05 The Richest Songs in the World 2.35 Yellowstone 3.35 Close

ITV2 11.15 The X Factor 12.15 The Xtra Factor 12.45 The Best of You've Been Framed! Animal Special 1.45 You've Been Framed! Kids Special 2.50 You've Been Framed! 3.15 Film: Valiant (2005) 4.55 Film: Nanny McPhee and the Big Bang (2010) 7.05 Film: The Incredible Hulk (2008) 9.20 The Xtra Factor 9.50 The Job Lot 10.15 Celebrity Juice 11.00 The X Factor 12.20 The Xtra Factor 12.45 Film: Billy Madison (1995) 2.20 Two and a Half Men 2.45 Teleshopping 5.45 ITV2 Nightscreen

ITV3 12.20 Film: Vanity Fair (2004) 3.10 Film: Gosford Park (2001) 5.55 Inspector Morse 8.00 Rosemary & Thyme 9.00 Midsomer Murders 11.00 Film: Death on the Nile (1978) 1.45 World Kitchen 2.10 ITV3 Nightscreen 3.30 Teleshopping

ITV4 1.20 Touring Car Legends 3.25 British Touring Car Championship Highlights 5.00 Touring Car Legends 6.00 Storage Wars 8.00 River Monsters 9.00 Film: Moonraker (1979) 11.40 Film: Maximum Conviction (2012) 1.45 David Weir: Sports Life Stories 2.40 Movies Now 2.50 ITV4 Nightscreen 3.00 Teleshopping

E4 1.30 Marvel's Agents of SHIELD 12.30 The Big Bang Theory 2.30 Melissa & Joey 3.30 Film: City of Ember (2008) 5.30 The 100 6.30 How I Met Your Mother 7.30 Brooklyn Nine-Nine 8.00 The Big Bang Theory 9.00 Film: Priest (2011) 10.50 The Inbetweeners 1.40 How I Met Your Mother 2.55 Snailville 3.35 Marvel's Agents of SHIELD 4.20 Desperate Housewives

Film4 11.00 On the Fiddle (1961) 1.00 King Kong (1976) 3.45 Big Fish (2003) 6.10 The Hunt for Red October (1990) 9.00 Forrest Gump (1994) 11.40 The Woman in Black (2012) 1.30 4.3.2.1 (2010) 3.55 Close

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Simon Reeve

Sacred Rivers with Simon Reeve (BBC2, 9pm)

The adventurer returns with a series that takes him around the world to areas that cannot be fully appreciated without considering the vast influence of their rivers, and he's going to explain how those sacred rivers don't just simply flow through countries – they define them. Simon begins at the source of the world's longest river, the Nile, and follows it out to sea, taking him from the Ethiopian highlands, through the desert of Sudan and then Egypt, right to the Mediterranean Sea. He also explains how the Nile has forged some of our earliest civilisations and influenced religions. However, the stability of the region looks uncertain, given that populations along its banks are growing, and Nile countries are demanding greater shares of the sacred waters.

BBC1

6.00 Live Formula 1. Japanese Grand Prix. **8.15** The Ant and Dec Show. **10.15** Sunday Morning Live. **11.15** Sunday Politics. **12.30** MOTD2 Extra. With Mark Chapman and the Match of the Day team. **1.00** BBC News: Weather. **1.15** Formula 1. Japanese Grand Prix. **3.15** Escape to the Country. (R) **4.00** Points of View. **4.15** The Great British Bake Off. (R) **5.15** Songs of Praise. **5.55** BBC News: Regional News: Weather. **6.20** **Countryside**. The team explores different methods of crop-gathering, following one of the best harvests in years. Matt Baker is in Lincolnshire, finding out how technology is being used to get the harvest in efficiently, and could also help grow better vegetables in the future. Ellie Harrison is in Devon, exploring more traditional methods of harvesting that go back many years, and Adam Henson is on a farm where crops are harvested not for eating but for rubbing on the skin. Also, John Craven announces the winner of the photographic competition. **7.20** **Strictly Come Dancing: The Results**. Tess Daly and Claudia Winkelman host the results show, as the judges choose between the two couples with the lowest scores. With music by Jamie Cullum and Gregory Porter. **8.00** **Antiques Roadshow**. The team returns to Scone Palace in Perthshire, uncovering a 19th-century military campaign box possibly linked to Napoleon and an implement of corporal punishment. **9.00** **Our Girl**. Molly and Smurf return to the UK on leave, but with their comrades facing a big threat in Afghanistan, they struggle with life back home and find comfort with each other. **10.00** BBC News: Regional News: Weather. **10.30** **Match of the Day 2**. Mark Chapman reviews the latest Premier League action, including Chelsea v Arsenal at Stamford Bridge and Manchester United v Everton at Old Trafford. **11.50** **Film: I Love You, Man**. (2009) A groom-to-be with no male friends goes in search of a best man for his wedding. However, his fiancée does not approve of his choice. Comedy, starring Paul Rudd. **1.30** Weather for the Week Ahead. **1.35** BBC News.

BBC2

6.50 Gardeners' World. (R) **7.20** The Beechgrove Garden. **7.50** Match of the Day. (R) **10.10** The Football League Show. (R) **10.30** Live Athletics. **1.30** Saturday Kitchen Best Bites. **3.00** **Film: The Alamo**. (2004) Historical Western, starring Dennis Quaid. **5.05** Rugby League: Super League Play-Offs. **6.05** **Fog It!** Paul Martin and the team head to the Lincolnshire seaside resort of Skegness, where experts David Barby and Elizabeth Talbot valued items brought in by the public. **7.00** **Jungle Atlantis**. Part two of two. The experts continue their attempt to discover why Angkor suddenly collapsed, using a revolutionary technology called lidar to reveal the true scale and splendour of this abandoned megacity. Deep in the Cambodian jungle, they have discovered a sophisticated network of roads and canals that are the forgotten world of Angkor's greatest king, sending new light on the dramatic events leading to the fall of the city. (R) **8.00** **Wonders of the Monsoon**. New series. Exploring how the lives of humans and animals are shaped by the weather system that annually transforms an enormous part of the Earth. **9.00** **Sacred Rivers with Simon Reeve**. New series. The adventurer visits some of the world's most famous waterways and investigates how they have shaped the lives of the people living along them, beginning with the Nile. **10.00** **Mock the Week**. James Acaster, Ed Byrne, Sara Pascoe and Josh Widdicombe join regular panellists Hugh Dennis and Andy Parsons on the topical comedy quiz. Dara O Briain hosts. (R) **10.30** **01 XL**. Extended edition. Sarah Millican, Ross Noble, Colin Lane and Alan Davies answer Stephen Fry's questions about animals on the first show of the quiz's "L" series. **11.15** **Film: The Greatest**. (2009) A grieving family unable to cope with the death of a son receives an unwanted visit from his pregnant girlfriend. Drama, starring Pierce Brosnan, Susan Sarandon and Carey Mulligan. **12.50** **Film: The Black Balloon**. (2008) **2.20** Sign Zone: Countryside. (R) **3.20** Holby City. (R) **4.15** This is BBC Two.

ITV

6.00 CITV: Fort Boyard Ultimate Challenge. **6.25** Pat & Stan. (R) **6.35** Pat & Stan. (R) **6.40** Dino Dan: Trek's Adventures. (R) **6.50** Dino Dan: Trek's Adventures. (R) **7.05** Animals. (R) **7.10** Animals. (R) **7.20** Om Nom Stories. (R) **7.25** Sooty. (R) **7.40** Om Nom: The Animated Series. (R) **7.50** Ultimate Solder-Man. **8.20** Nerds & Monsters. (R) **8.30** Big Time Rush. **9.00** The Aquabats! Super Show! **9.25** ITV News. **9.30** Dickinson's Real Deal. (R) **10.30** Murder, She Wrote. (R) **11.30** ITV News: Weather. **11.40** **Film: Carry On at Your Convenience**. (1971) **1.25** **Film: Garfield: A Tale of Two Kitties**. (2006) **3.00** The X Factor. (R) **4.10** Downtown Abbey. (R) **5.15** All Star Family Fortunes. (R) **6.00** **Off Their Rockers**. Keith barters for a new TV. Sonia needs to be unlocked from her bedstead, Dave referees a football game and Rosie and Mary find out who is the best kisser. Last in the series. (R) **6.30** **Regional Programme**: Weather. **6.45** **ITV News**: Weather. **7.00** **Sunday Night at the Palladium**. Jimmy Carr hosts the variety show, introducing performances by Nicole Scherzinger, Kaiser Chiefs, Tommy Tiernan, Paul Heaton and Jacqui Abbott, and Japanese speciality act Enra. **8.00** **The X Factor**. As the judges' houses stage concludes, the 24 acts pack their bags and prepare to head home, but for the 12 who have made it to the live shows, the competition has only just begun. **9.00** **Downton Abbey**. Violet tries to stop Mary's secret assignment being exposed, the events surrounding Green's death come under scrutiny once again and old wounds are reopened for Mrs Patmore. **10.05** **ITV News**: Weather. **10.20** **Piers Morgan's Life Stories: Martin Kemp**. The actor and musician talks about finding fame in Spandau Ballet before going on to star in EastEnders, and how George Michael helped him find a wife, as well as land his TV role. (R) **11.20** **Premiership Rugby Union**. Highlights of the latest top-flight fixtures, which included Bath v Saracens, Gloucester v Leicester and London Irish v Northampton Saints. **12.15** The Store. **2.30** Motorsport UK. **3.20** The Jeremy Kyle Show USA. (R) **4.05** ITV Nightscreen. **5.05** The Jeremy Kyle Show. (R)

CHANNEL 4

6.10 How I Met Your Mother. (R) **6.35** How I Met Your Mother. (R) **7.00** Volkswagen Racing Cup. **7.30** NFL: The American Football Show. (R) **8.30** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **9.25** Frasier. (R) **9.30** Sunday Brunch. **12.00** The Big Bang Theory. (R) **12.50** Channel 4 Racing: Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe. Including the feature race at 3.30. **4.00** **Film: The Legend of Zorro**. (2005) Adventure, starring Antonio Banderas. **6.30** **Channel 4 News**. **7.00** **Post Pawn**. Boss James Constantinou and the team appraise more items brought along by members of the public. A divorcee from Newcastle wants to sell her £185,000 necklace to pay for her children's private-school fees, a crystal-covered drum kit used on a Kylie Minogue tour catches the eye of staff member Patrick, and a widowed pensioner hopes to make a fortune from her precious rings. (R) **8.00** **Operation Mankato**. In Western Australia, seven people have been killed by sharks in three years, and authorities have implemented radical measures to catch and kill any of these creatures that are deemed to pose a threat, but vet Mark Evans wants to help find non-lethal alternatives. He enters the water to attach tracking tags to great whites, joins beach patrol teams searching for sharks and tests a new multispectral camera that spots the ferocious fish from the air even when they are hidden several metres underwater. **9.00** **Film: The Descendants**. (2011) A lawyer negotiating a land deal in Hawaii is forced to take a more active role in his two daughters' upbringing when a boating accident leaves his wife in a coma. He learns she was having an affair, a fact his friends and eldest child were keeping from him. With the two girls in tow, he sets off to find and confront her lover. Drama, with George Clooney. **11.15** **Film: Ghosts of Girlfriends Past**. (2009) A man trying to stop his brother's wedding is haunted by old conquests who show him where his life has gone wrong. Romantic comedy, starring Matthew McConaughey and Jennifer Garner. **1.20** American Football Live. **5.10** Volkswagen Racing Cup. (R) **5.35** Countdown. (R)

CHANNEL 5

6.00 Milkshake!: Peppa Pig. **6.05** Roary the Racing Car. (R) **6.15** Angelina Ballerina. (R) **6.30** Bert and Ernie's Great Adventures. (R) **6.35** Seaside Antics. **6.40** The Mr Men Show. (R) **6.55** Chloe's Closet. (R) **7.05** Olly the Little White Van. (R) **7.10** Bananas in Pyjamas. (R) **7.25** Make Way for Noddy. (R) **7.40** City of Friends. (R) **8.00** Little Princess. (R) **8.10** The Adventures of Bottle Top Bill and His Best Friend Corky. (R) **8.30** Wanda and the Alien. **8.45** Rupert Bear. (R) **9.00** Ben and Holly's Little Kingdom. (R) **9.15** Jilly Jamm. (R) **9.30** LazyTown. (R) **10.00** Meerkat Manor. (R) **10.25** Police Interceptors. (R) **11.20** Police Interceptors. (R) **12.20** Police Interceptors. (R) **1.15** Ultimate Police Interceptors. (R) **2.10** **Film: Mail Cop**. (2009) Comedy, starring Kevin James. **4.00** **Film: Big Momma's House 2**. (2006) Comedy sequel, starring Martin Lawrence. **5.55** **Film: Charlie and the Chocolate Factory**. (2005) Children's fantasy, starring Johnny Depp. **8.00** **5 News Weekend**. **8.05** **Film: Welcome to the Jungle**. (2003) A bounty hunter is sent into the depths of the Brazilian rainforest to locate a prominent businessman's son, but ends up trying to find a legendary artefact before a crook gets his hands on it. Action comedy, starring Dwayne Johnson, Seann William Scott and Christopher Walken, and an uncredited cameo by Arnold Schwarzenegger. Edited for violence. **10.00** **Film: The Punisher**. (2004) An FBI agent becomes a vigilante and takes revenge on the powerful gangland kingpin who murdered his entire family. Comic-book thriller, starring Thomas Jane and John Travolta. **12.20** **Armed & Dangerous**: Caught on Camera. Nick Wallis discovers how CCTV is helping to bring criminals using weapons to justice, including footage of a raid by a gang on a west London jewellery shop. (R) **1.10** SuperCasino. Viewers get the chance to take part in live interactive gaming, with a mix of roulette-wheel spins and lively chat from the presenting team. **3.10** The Gadget Show. The team creates an assault course to test four leading pressure-washers, and Amy Williams visits Romania to check out an all-purpose emergency rescue vehicle with a difference. (R) **4.00** House Doctor. A bland property near Leamington Spa, Warwickshire. (R) **4.25** Make It Big. (R) **5.15** Angels of Jarm. (R) **5.40** Roary the Racing Car. (R)

DIGITAL

BBC Three

7.00 Formula 1. Japanese Grand Prix Highlights. **7.55** Doctor Who. **8.40** **Film: Kung Fu Panda 2**. (2011) **10.00** Family Guy. **10.45** Bad Education. **11.15** American Dad! **12.00** **Film: Kidulthood** (2005) **1.30** Bad Education **2.00** Impractical Jokers **2.30** Don't Drop the Baby **3.30** Bad Education **4.00** Close

BBC Four

7.00 Timewatch: QE2 – The Final Voyage **8.00** Cleopatra: Portrait of a Killer **9.00** The Secret Life of Bob Monkhouse **10.30** Arena: Whatever Happened to Spitting Image? **11.30** Explosions: How We Shook the World **12.30** Wild Boys: The Story of Duran Duran **1.20** TOTP2: Duran Duran Special **1.50** Timewatch: QE2 – The Final Voyage **2.50** Arena: Whatever Happened to Spitting Image? **3.50** Close

ITV2

12.00 The X Factor **1.15** The Xtra Factor **1.45** You've Been Framed! Kids Special **2.45** You've Been Framed! **3.15** **Film: Space Jam** (1996) **4.55** **Film: Scooby-Doo 2: Monsters Unleashed** (2004) **7.00** **Film: Wild Wild West** (1999) **9.00** The Xtra Factor **10.00** Bad Bridesmaid **11.00** Tricked **12.00** The X Factor **1.00** The Xtra Factor **2.00** Two and a Half Men **2.25** Life's Funniest Moments **2.45** Teleshopping **5.45** ITV2 Nightscreen

ITV3

12.20 Inspector Morse **2.25** Rosemary & Thyme **3.30** **Film: Carry On Again, Doctor** (1969) **5.20** **Film: Columbo: Lady in Waiting** (1971) **7.00** Lewis **9.00** The Best of the Royal Variety **10.00** **Film: The Queen** (2006) **12.05** William and Mary **2.00** Judge Judy **2.45** World Kitchen **3.10** ITV3 Nightscreen **3.40** Emmerdale

ITV4

12.25 Ax Men **1.25** Motorway Patrol **1.55** Highway Patrol **2.25** **Film: The Manchurian Candidate** (1962) **2.55** **Film: Superman** (1978) **8.00** Premiership Rugby Union **9.00** **Film: Open Range** (2003) **11.50** **Film: 8 Mile** (2002) **2.00** Motorway Patrol **2.30** Highway Patrol **2.50** ITV4 Nightscreen **3.00** Teleshopping

E4

12.30 Marvel's Agents of SHIELD **1.30** The 100 **2.30** 2 Broke Girls **3.30** Suburgatory **4.00** Melissa & Joey **5.00** The Mindy Project **5.30** New Girl **6.00** Brooklyn Nine-Nine **6.30** The Big Bang Theory **9.30** The Inbetweeners **12.15** Glue 1.15 Rules of Engagement **2.10** The Ricky Gervais Show **2.40** The Cleveland Show **3.25** Hollywoods

Film4

11.00 The Bandit of Sherwood Forest (1946) **1.00** Home Alone 2: Lost in New York (1992) **3.15** A Challenge for Robin Hood (1967) **5.05** St Trinian's 2: The Legend of Fritton's Gold (2009) **7.10** Step Up 2: The Streets (2008) **9.00** The Mechanic (2011) **10.50** The Kids Are All Right (2010) **12.55** Neighbourhood Sounds (2012) **3.40** Close

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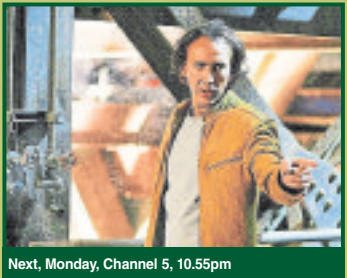
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MONDAY
Next, Channel 5, 10.55pm
A magician has the ability to see into the immediate future. When intelligence suggests a nuclear attack on Los Angeles is imminent, an FBI counter-terror agent sets out to persuade the gifted individual to use his psychic powers to avert disaster. Thriller, starring Nicolas Cage, Julianne Moore, Jessica Biel and Thomas Kretschmann. (2007)

TUESDAY
Forgetting Sarah Marshall, ITV, 10.40pm
A musician is devastated when his actress girlfriend leaves him, and he tries to cure his broken heart with a holiday in Hawaii. Unfortunately, his efforts to forget the past are scuppered when his ex turns out to be staying at the same resort, with her new boyfriend – a successful rock star – in tow. Romantic comedy, starring Jason Segel, Kristen Bell and Russell Brand. (2008)



Next, Monday, Channel 5, 10.55pm

WEDNESDAY
Gracie's Choice, Channel 5, 3.15pm
A caring teenager has looked after her younger brothers and sister all their lives, while their violent, alcoholic mother is unable to cope. When their mother's self-destructive behaviour goes too far, she campaigns to legally adopt her siblings, while also striving to complete her education. Fact-based drama, starring Kristen Bell, Anne Heche and Sherry Anderson. (2004)

THURSDAY
Goodnight for Justice: The Measure of a Man, Channel 5, 3.15pm
A judge visits a Wild West town terrorised by a band of outlaws whom he witnesses robbing a bank. He resolves to bring the crooks to justice, but an encounter with a local widow makes him realise a young member of the gang may not be as guilty as he appears. Western sequel, starring Luke Perry and Stefanie von Pfetten. (2012)

FRIDAY
Nutty Professor II: The Klumps, ITV, 11.10pm
Bumbling scientist Sherman Klump is engaged to be married and determined to rid himself of his troublesome alter ego Buddy Love for ever. All his problems look set to be solved by his fiancée's latest DNA experiment – but things are about to spiral out of control. Comedy sequel, starring Eddie Murphy in multiple roles, along with Janet Jackson and Larry Miller. (2000)

Paying tribute to the nation's unsung heroes

It's that time of year again when royalty, politicians, and celebrities from TV, film and the sports field get together for one very special event.

They'll be leaving their egos at the door of Grosvenor House in London's Park Lane to honour everyday folk who have achieved remarkable things.

Carol Vorderman once again takes up duties in hosting the ceremony, hearing thought-provoking stories of heroism and courage with the odd famous surprise thrown in for good measure. There are many uplifting tales of going the extra mile here, which, in a world where everyone seems to be looking out for themselves, restores your faith in humanity.

Once more, Prince Charles and Prime Minister David Cameron will be present and correct, along with celebrities including Simon Cowell, Cheryl Fernandez-Versini, Stephen Fry, Amanda Holden, Tom Jones, Mr Selfridge stars Jeremy Piven and Katherine Kelly, and gold medal-winning Olympians Chris Hoy and Bradley Wiggins.

Launched by the Daily Mirror in 1999, the event touched a chord from

day one. Judges were stunned by winners' tales, such as teenager Sarah Dinsdale, who rescued her mother from a fast-flowing river, and 11-year-old Lucy-Rae Tamulevicius, who learnt to dance while fighting a rare and debilitating form of cancer.

They were humbled by the stories of the bomb victims and rescue workers of Omagh and of Daniel Gallimore, who was blinded while trying to help a man being attacked in the street.

In 2000, ITV decided to screen the event, and it proved a success, with 10 million viewers tuning in.

Aside from honouring Teacher Of The Year, Child or Teenager of Courage, and ITV Local Fundraiser of The Year, the ceremony also gives out a Lifetime Achievement Award, which in the past has been granted to the likes of Peter Benenson, who started Amnesty International, and Nicholas Winton, who saved hundreds of Jewish children from the Holocaust.

Back to the 2014 event, and among those collecting plaudits are a woman who has fostered 1,200 children; Tim Berners-Lee, the British Oxford University Graduate who revolutionised

the planet with the World Wide Web, and there's a posthumous honour for Stephen Sutton.

Aged 15, he was diagnosed with bowel cancer, but spent the final months of his life raising millions of pounds for charity via a bucket list of things he wanted to do before he died.

His cause attracted the attention of many, including comedian John Bishop (present tonight), and Coronation Street's Sam Aston (Chesney). He is one of the folks who nominated Stephen "for all his amazing efforts and hard work."

TPOBA is always moving event which has left many attendees and those watching at home in tears, so it's a good job Vorderman has come prepared.

"It's always a great honour to present the Daily Mirror's Pride of Britain Awards and meet such extraordinary, courageous and awe-inspiring people," she explains.

"This year's winners are truly remarkable and the stories are breathtaking. Some are so moving I will ensure I'm wearing waterproof mascara!"



Carol Vorderman hosts The Pride of Britain Awards 2014, Tuesday, ITV, 8pm

BEST OF THE REST

MONDAY
The Kitchen BBC2, 9pm

New series. Documentary series following eight very different households in their kitchens, as they cook, eat and share their lives. It's late August in this first instalment, and cameras observe the Barry-Powers blended family in Cardiff, as mum Louise struggles to meet the culinary demands of five children, while the Harrars in Staffordshire get passionate about their Punjabi recipes, and single mother Sue Evans and her grown-up daughter Ginny try to keep 10-year-old Gabriel amused in Birmingham. The activities of fitness fanatics Matt, Dave and Xanthi, pensioners Marilyn and Wilfred, the Garbuts family, the Mitchell-Cotts and the Gales are also scrutinised.

Grantchester ITV, 9pm

New series. Detective drama set in a 1950s Cambridgeshire village, where local vicar Sidney Chambers (James Norton) develops a sideline in sleuthing – with the initially reluctant help of grumpy DI Geordie Keating (Robson Green). The cleric's first case finds him out when he presides over the funeral of a solicitor, who is believed to have taken his own life. However, the dead man's mistress has a different theory – and feeling unable

to go to the police, she asks Sidney to examine it for her. He uncovers evidence that the suicide was staged, but while he's busy delving into the personal life of the victim, will the vicar miss his own big chance with Amanda Kendall (Morven Christie), the woman he secretly loves? With Tessa Peake-Jones, Kacey Ainsworth and Rachel Shelley.

TUESDAY
Cat Watch 2014: The New Horizon Experiment BBC2, 8pm

Millions of people have cats in their homes, yet they know very little about them. Are they playful pets, fearsome fighters or deadly hunters? In this three-part programme, Liz Bonnin joins forces with some of the world's leading feline experts to conduct a groundbreaking scientific study using GPS trackers and mini-cameras to follow 100 cats in three very different environments to find out what they get up to when they leave the house. The first edition examines how cats see, hear and smell the world with their wild ancestors, and looks at why this could be making life difficult for them in the modern world. Continues tomorrow.

WEDNESDAY
The Great British Bake Off: The Final BBC1, 8pm

Over the past 10 weeks, we have seen the amateur bakers whip up eclairs sprinkled with bacon, fire-breathing biscuit dragons and a very controversial baked Alaska. But now, just three contestants remain – and only one more weekend of baking stands between them and the trophy. Judges Paul Hollywood and Mary Berry have saved their most fiendish tests till last, as the finalists face a Signature Challenge in which they have just three hours to prove they have mastered a pastry technique that usually takes a whole day. They then have to tackle a Technical Challenge without the aid of a recipe, before

rustling up a Showstopper that turns sponge, caramel, choux pastry and petits fours into a winning combination. At least Sue Perkins and Mel Giedroyc are on hand to lighten the atmosphere if it all gets too tense. Last in the series.

THURSDAY
Live International Football ITV, 7.15pm

England v San Marino (Kick-off 7.45pm). Coverage of the Euro 2016 Group E qualifier at Wembley Stadium. This is the second consecutive qualifying campaign in succession that Roy Hodgson's men have been drawn in the same group as the minnows, and they secured a 5-0 win when the teams met here in October 2012 on the road to Brazil.

FRIDAY
Lewis ITV, 9pm

New series. The last run of the detective drama ended with Lewis (Kevin Whately) starting a new life away from the force, but it seems that peace and quiet doesn't suit him – which is just as well, as newly promoted DI Hathaway (Laurence Fox) is struggling to find a sidekick, and within just four weeks is already on his second sergeant, DS Lizzie Maddox (Angela Griffin).

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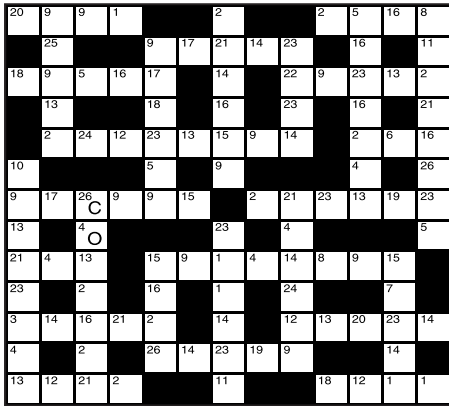
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Codeword

Each number in the grid represents a different letter of the alphabet and every letter of the alphabet is used. Use the given letter(s) to the right of the main grid to start you off.



LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION:

X	D	V	K	I	O	F	L	A	J	R	Z	E
T	Q	C	Y	W	U	N	M	S	H	B	G	P

Double Crossword

Choose either quick or cryptic clues - both fit the same grid.

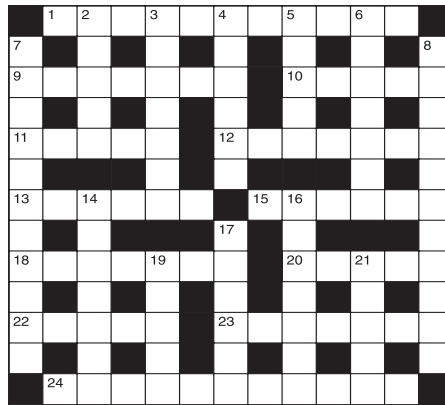
Cryptic Clues:

Across

1. Qualified corn-dealer? (11)
9. One who insists on facts is later confused (7)
10. Enclose a brooch (5)
11. Sailor returned with an article to wash (5)
12. Women have warm regard for his wares (7)
13. Charge back up in time, perhaps (6)
15. For him to laze is unusual (6)
18. The last word in conversation, perhaps (7)
20. Dish used by photographers? (5)
22. A torn stub joins at the sides (5)
23. Odd way to go from place to place (7)
24. Agree with someone as tall as yourself? (3,3,2,3)

Down

2. It beats any one of 13 cards (5)
3. Intend to let out apparel (7)
4. Don't encourage delay (3,3)
5. Stage make-up (5)
6. A dog leaps in wildly (7)
7. Literally, it had a very large population (11)
8. It needs to be accurate, even after drink (6,5)
14. Possible purse of plenty (7)
16. Some grass to spare, perhaps (7)
17. He should honour his agreement to the letter (6)
19. Cook and sew (5)
21. A negative in any trouble (5)



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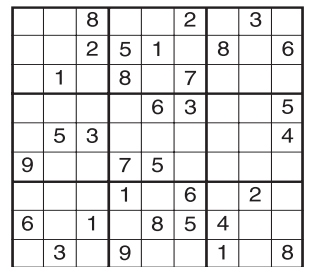
Across

1. Strange machine (11)
9. Non-professional (7)
10. Subject (5)
11. Takes notice (5)
12. Succeed (7)
13. Transgress (6)
15. Parson (6)
18. Shorten (7)
20. Hatred (5)
22. Master (5)
23. Eating away (7)
24. Compel (11)

Down

2. Declaim (5)
3. Disloyalty (7)
4. Sudden (6)
5. Heading (5)
6. Out of doors (4,3)
7. Stylish (11)
8. Successor (11)
14. Abandon (7)
16. Prospect (4-3)
17. Merry-making (6)
19. Ignoramus (5)
21. Ass (5)

Sudoku



Fill in the grid below so that every column, every row and each of the 3x3 boxes contains all the digits from 1 to 9.

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS >

4	8	1	6	9	2	7	3	5
7	6	5	4	1	3	8	9	2
3	9	2	7	8	5	1	4	6
1	7	3	2	4	6	9	5	8
2	5	6	8	3	9	4	7	1
8	4	9	1	5	7	6	2	3
5	2	7	9	6	3	1	4	8
9	1	8	3	2	4	5	6	7
6	3	4	5	7	1	2	8	9

LAST WEEK'S CROSSWORD SOLUTIONS: CRYPTOIC - Across: 1 Pleasure; 5 Ball; 9 Otic; 10 Ignorant; 11 Route; 12 Lattice; 13 Stock breeders; 18 Resented; 19 Saps; 20 Portend; 21 Turns; 22 Step; 23 Proceeds. Down: 2 Lets out; 3 Ascetic; 4 Regular reader; 6 Avarice; 7 Letters; 8 Loathe; 13 Stripes; 14 Observe; 15 Kennel; 16 Dispute; 17 Repined. QUICK - Across: 1 Adoption; 5 Acts; 9 User; 10 Strainer; 11 Waver; 12 Portend; 13 United Kingdom; 18 Building; 19 Item; 20 Agitate; 21 Stray; 22 Dull; 23 Assorted. Down: 2 Disdain; 3 Perfect; 4 Outspokenness; 6 Content; 7 Serfdom; 8 Barren; 13 Upbraid; 14 Initial; 15 Endear; 16 Glitter; 17 Operate.

Quiz

1. Whose only opera was Fidelio?
2. Who was the queen consort of Edward VII?
3. Which US state is known as the Heart of Dixie?
4. Of what nationality was Django Reinhardt?
5. Of which country is Port Moresby the capital?
6. Which boxer was known as The Manassa Mauler?
7. In which craft did Yuri Gagarin become the first man in space?
8. In which Texan city is the Alamo?
9. Of which ballet company was Nureyev a member when he defected?
10. Whom did George I succeed as monarch?
11. Which party is named from the Gaelic for Soldiers of Destiny?
12. Of which city were the Medici a noble family?
13. Who wrote Breakfast at Tiffany's?
14. How is Holy Innocent's Day also known?
15. Which world leaders met at the 1943 Casablanca Conference?

Niner

Each number from 1 to 9 represents a different letter. Solve the clues and insert the letters in the appropriate squares to discover a word which uses all nine letters.

277459 gives an Indian city;
658677 gives a Scottish city;
617337 gives a French city.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
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It is for sale through Whitegates Estate Agents at £165,000 with no chain.

There is some double glazing and gas fired central heating and the accommodation includes an entrance hall, a through lounge/dining room, kitchen, verandah, three bedrooms and a bathroom.

Outside the driveway leads to the garage with electronic door.

For further information contact Whitegates Estate Agents on 01902 429035 or visit www.whitegates.co.uk



End-terrace is in a delightful cul-de-sac

A WELL presented two-bedroomed end of terrace home, 8 Rubens Close, Upper Gornal Dudley lies in a delightful cul-de-sac.

It is for sale through Roden Boydell at £122,950.

This home has contemporary living accommodation with double glazing and gas central heating. It briefly comprises a reception porch, a lounge, a dining kitchen with space for a cooker with an extractor fan above, a dining area and laminate flooring, two bedrooms, a bathroom, a driveway, a pleasant rear garden and views to the front.

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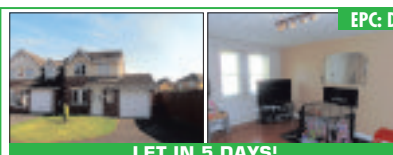


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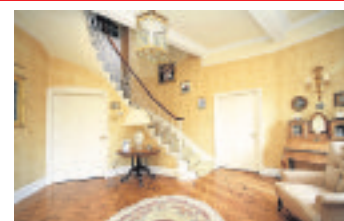


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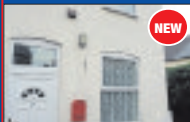
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South Road, Norton, DY8 - £120,000

Pleasantly situated in Norton, an established part of Stourbridge, this two bedroom, terraced home is within walking distance of schools, parks to include Mary Stevens Park and various convenience shops and is available with NO UPWARD CHAIN. Accommodation comprises a dining room with log burner, lounge, kitchen, bathroom and two double bedrooms with a lovely rear garden. Finally, there is gas central heating and majority double glazing. EPC: D



Mousehall Farm Road, Brierley Hill, DY5 - £110,000

Situated on the Caledonia, this well presented end of terrace is near to various amenities and would make a great first home. Accommodation comprises an entrance porch, kitchen/diner, spacious lounge, three bedrooms and refitted bathroom with uPVC double glazing and central heating. Outside, there are gardens to the front, rear and side and there is a communal car park for residents. EPC: D



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EXCEPTIONALLY SPACIOUS gas centrally heated uPVC double glazed detached- imposing hall, fitted cloaks, sitting room with bay (& first quality Minster fireplace), magnificent dining kitchen with granite work surfaces & contemporary oak units/ many integrated appliances, utility dining room CONSERVATORY Bedroom with fitted wardrobes & shower room, three further generous bedrooms, bathroom, large garage, secluded garden. EPC: D. SEDGLEY 880888



GORNAL WOOD, Himley Road

Stylish, EXTENDED, gas centrally heated & primarily uPVC double glazed detached family home that has been "transformed" in recent years with extensive parking comprising: entrance vestibule, hall, fitted cloakroom, extended 18'10" lounge, uPVC double glazed CONSERVATORY, magnificent extended/refitted dining kitchen with an extensive range of 'high gloss cream' fitted units & 'island unit' with woodblock work surfaces, various integrated appliances & a Range. Utility room off, THREE DOUBLE BEDROOMS, bathroom, separate shower room. Garage, sheltered rear garden. EPC: T.B.A. SEDGLEY 01902 880888



KINGSWINFORM, Oakfield Avenue

●●OPEN VIEWING SATURDAY 4th OCTOBER 11am-1pm 2014●● A HIGHLY INDIVIDUAL & SUBSTANTIAL, THREE BEDROOM DETACHED FAMILY HOME with SPECTACULAR VIEWS and an EXCEPTIONALLY LARGE layout. DRIVEWAY, GARAGE and rear garden. EPC D.

Offers in the region of £329,950

Offers in the region of £285,000

Open day

Offers in the Region Of £249,950



DUDLEY, Himley Road

Quirky, gas centrally heated, either uPVC or aluminium double glazed detached, PERSONAL INSPECTION VITAL. Comprising: hall, cloakroom, lounge, sitting room, breakfast room, kitchen, cellar. Four bedrooms, bathroom, boarded attic. Extensive grounds, good views. Mining Search available. EPC: T.B.A. SEDGLEY 01902 880888



LOWER GORNAL, Flavells Lane

EXCEPTIONALLY FLEXIBLE ACCOMMODATION - gas centrally heated uPVC double glazed detached porch hall lounge, sitting room (alternative bedroom?), dining room kitchen, shower room porch. To first floor are 2 double bedrooms, extensive block paved parking 27 ft car port, delightful secluded garden EPC D Sedgley 880888



SEDGLEY, South View Road, Northway

SPECTACULAR KITCHEN! Personal inspection imperative to appreciate kitchen. Gas centrally heated & double glazed accommodation includes porch, hall, dining room, lounge, three beds, bathroom, garden, parking. EPC: D. SEDGLEY 01902 880888



WOLVERHAMPTON, Penn Road, Penn

ENLARGED, gas centrally heated, mostly Upvc double glazed detached of character with many period features but offering further potential comprising: porch, hall, through living/dining room, enlarged breakfast kitchen. Three bedrooms, bathroom, garage, lengthy rear garden, parking. EPC: T.B.A. SEDGLEY 01902 880888



LOWER GORNAL, Humphrey Street

NO UPWARD CHAIN. uPVC DOUBLE GLAZED, gas centrally heated detached that has been conscientiously maintained although offers further potential, and comprises: porch, hall, living room, dining room, recently refitted kitchen, utility, toilet. Three bedrooms, bathroom. Garage, garden, EPC: D SEDGLEY 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £189,950

New price WAS £189,950, NOW £184,950

Offers in the region of £182,500

Offers in the region of £169,950

Offers in the region of £169,950



COSELEY, Birmingham New Road

COMPREHENSIVELY REFURBISHED, gas centrally heated uPVC double glazed semi detached providing porch, imposing hall, fitted cloaks, lounge with bay, dining room with bay, refitted kitchen, three generous bedrooms, reapointed bathroom, garage Block paved driveway, garden. Mining search available. EPC: C. Sedgley 880888



COSELEY, Elmdale Road, Bramford Estate

ENLARGED, gas centrally heated & double glazed semi detached with Reception hall, store, lounge with bay enlarged 16'8" dining room with woodburner stove, and a conservatory beyond, extended breakfast kitchen. 3 bedrooms, bathroom. Store, utility room, separate toilet, garage, sheltered garden. EPC: D SEDGLEY 01902 880888



PENSNETT, Tansey Green Road

●●● OPEN VIEWING SUNDAY 5th OCTOBER 11am-3pm ●●● A TRADITIONAL TWO BEDROOM SEMI-DETACHED HOME with CONSERVATORY, well located with LARGE BLOCK PAVED DRIVEWAY, REAR DOUBLE GARAGE and large garden. EPC E.



LOWER GORNAL, Ladbrook Grove, Straits

SIGNIFICANT POTENTIAL - Bungalow requiring modernisation with hall, two bedrooms, bathroom, lounge, kitchen. Carport, garden. Agents emphasise the bungalow needs work. EPC: D. SEDGLEY 01902 880888



COSELEY, Elmdale Road, Bramford Estate

TREMENDOUS POTENTIAL. Freehold, double glazed semi detached requiring comprehensive refurbishment, and with a "CLEAR MINING SEARCH" Property comprises: entrance porch, hall, lounge, dining room, kitchen, three bedrooms, bathroom. Garage, good sized garden, paved driveway. EPC: T.B.A. SEDGLEY 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £139,950

Offers in the region of £139,950

Open day

£139,950

Offers in the region of £134,950

Offers in the region of £129,950



PENSNETT, Tansey Green Road

NO UPWARD CHAIN. Gas centrally heated, uPVC double glazed semi detached comprises: hall, cloakroom, Kitchen, living/dining room, understairs store. Bedroom with bathroom en suite, bedroom two with shower room en suite. Block paved/gravelled parking, rear garden. EPC: C. ALL OFFERS CONSIDERED. SEDGLEY 01902 880888



LOWER GORNAL, Summit Place

This traditional, majority double glazed & gas centrally heated semi detached is situated in an established location convenient for local amenities. Accommodation briefly comprises entrance hall, lounge, dining room, kitchen, three bedrooms, bathroom, driveway & rear garden. EPC Rating E, SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888



HOLLY HALL, Bromford Road

Pleasantly situated within this popular address, this VERY WELL PRESENTED, THREE BEDROOM SEMI DETACHED HOME, briefly comprises: Hall, Sitting Room, Dining Room, Kitchen, Three Generous Bedrooms, Shower Room and a Large Garden. EPC TBA



DUDLEY, Mulberry Green, Old Park Farm estate

Gas centrally heated, uPVC double glazed semi detached that has been TREMENDOUSLY improved in recent years with porch, hallway, 20'7" through lounge, refitted/enlarged breakfast kitchen with fine range of "beech" effect units & various many appliances, 3 bedrooms, bathroom. Delightful garden. EPC: D SEDGLEY 01902 880888



TIPTON, Beaumont Close

Superb gas centrally heated, uPVC double glazed semi detached; entrance hallway, lounge, dining kitchen (with patio doors), store, THREE BEDROOMS, bathroom GATED PARKING, delightful secluded garden. EPC: D. SEDGLEY 01902 880888

£122,500 (All offers considered)

New price WAS £125,000, NOW £120,000

£119,950

Offers in excess of £115,000

Offers in the region of £114,950

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COSELEY, Kimberley Place

Impressive, meticulously maintained, Freehold, gas centrally heated, uPVC double glazed detached situated upon corner plot. Presented in exemplary order throughout; accommodation includes; hall, cloakroom, 20 ft lounge, dining kitchen with patio doors out to the garden (effectively being 'hub of the house'), utility room, fully tiled "wet room"; four generous bedrooms, (three with built in wardrobes), and principal room with shower room en suite, bathroom. Large garage, expertly tended garden with potential extension space to side (not verified - buyers to make their own enquiries). EPC: T.B.A.. SEDGLEY 01902 880888



GORNAL WOOD, Summit Place

Tremendously enhanced, Freehold, gas centrally heated & double glazed detached family home comprising; hall, cloakroom, transverse lounge, dining room, store, refitted kitchen with range of maple effect finish units. FOUR BEDROOMS, bathroom with white suite, garage, delightful gardens. EPC:C SEDGLEY 01902 880888



LOWER GORNAL, Woodland Grove

Situated just off Brick Kiln Lane; an EXTENDED, gas centrally heated, primarily uPVC double glazed detached comprising; hall, lounge, dining room (with feature inglenook fireplace), store, kitchen, utility room, cloak/shower room. Three bedrooms, bathroom. Garage, lengthy rear garden. EPC: D. SEDGLEY 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £235,000

Offers in the region of £195,000

Offers in the region of £194,950



DUDLEY, Richborough Drive

Fronting open space - gas centrally heated uPVC D/glazed detached with hall, cloak, breakfast kitchen, lounge, conservatory, 3 bedrooms (Bed 1 with shower room en suite), bathroom gated, drive garage garden. EPC:D SEDGLEY 01902 880888



LOWER GORNAL, Summer Lane

Mostly double glazed gas centrally heated Period home with LARGE ATTACHED WORKSHOPS occupying a generous plot. NO UPWARD CHAIN - With lounge, sitting room, dining room, kitchen, bathroom, two first double bedrooms; two large workshops attached office, driveway, garden area. EPC:E, SEDGLEY 880888



KINGSWINFORD, Dudley Road

This ELEGANT, TRADITIONAL SEMI-DETACHED FAMILY HOUSE is secluded and set back beyond a large frontage, enjoying a well planned layout with TWO SEPARATE RECEPTION ROOMS. LONG DRIVEWAY, GARAGE and large rear garden. EPC D.



HOLLY HALL, Kingswinford Road

Commanding a very generous corner plot, this SPACIOUS TRADITIONAL THREE BEDROOM DETACHED FAMILY HOME requires updating, yet provides SUPERB POTENTIAL. With LONG DRIVEWAY, GARAGE and pleasantly laid out rear garden. EPC F.



KINGSWINFORD, Oak Street

A CHARMING END OF TERRACE in the old quarter, providing SUCCESSFULLY UPDATED accommodation, all VERY WELL APPOINTED, including TWO LARGE BEDROOMS, LARGE CONSERVATORY and a long sunny rear garden. EPC D.

New price WAS £174,000, NOW £169,650

Offers in the region of £159,950

£154,950

New price £149,950

£142,500



KINGSWINFORD, Earlswood Road

A LINK DETACHED BUNGALOW requiring IMPROVEMENT, well placed within sought after Blandford Mere comprising; Hall, Lounge, Kitchen, Rear Hall, 2 Bedrooms, Bathroom, Driveway, Garage & Garden. EPC E.

£127,950



UPPER GORNAL, Eve Lane

Meticulously maintained, gas centrally heated, uPVC double glazed semi detached comprising; reception hall, 23 ft through living/dining room (with patio doors), kitchen, three bedrooms (one with wardrobes), bathroom with white suite. Lengthy drive, brick garage, extensive gardens. EPC:E SEDGLEY 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £127,450



WOODSETTON, Parkes Hall Road

Modernised, Freehold, gas centrally heated, double glazed semi detached comprising; porch, hall, store. Ground floor accomm. has been "opened up" to provide lounge & kitchen. Three bedrooms, bathroom. Parking, garden, possible rear vehicular access (subject to licence fee to Council). EPC: D SEDGLEY 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £124,950



QUARRY BANK, Ellerslie Close

Great Location - This ENLARGED SEMI DETACHED HOME affords GAS CENTRAL HEATING and DOUBLE GLAZING to comprise; Hall, Sitting Room with Dining Area, Conservatory, Kitchen, Utility, Three Bedrooms and Bathroom. Garage and Rear Garden. EPC: D.

£124,950



NETHERTON, Hill Street

Family home with gas central heating, majority double glazing. Porch, Hall, Downstairs toilet, living diner, Verandah, Kitchen, side access, landing, Three bedrooms, Bathroom, Garage, Rear garden and drive. NO UPWARD CHAIN. EPC E

New price £124,950



DUDLEY, Wrens Nest Road

Tremendously modernised! Gas centrally heated, uPVC double glazed semi-detached comprising; hallway, lounge, utility section, store, kitchen, THREE BEDROOMS, bathroom, secure gated parking & rear garden. EPC: C. SEDGLEY 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £114,950



SEDGLEY, Braemar Close, Northway

NO UPWARD CHAIN. Double glazed, part gas centrally heated (not tested) "starter home" comprising; porch, hall, cloakroom, kitchen, L-shape living/dining room, CONSERVATORY. Three bedrooms, bathroom. Gardens. EPC: D. SEDGLEY 01902 880888

PRICE: £109,995



DUDLEY, Winchester Rise

REALISTICALLY PRICED! Conscientiously maintained, gas radiator centrally heated & uPVC double glazed semi detached in popular neighbourhood. Accommodation includes; entrance porch, living room, dining room, upgraded kitchen with "beech" effect units. Three double bedrooms, bathroom. Garage, garden. EPC Rating: C. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £108,950



Brierley Hill, Woodbury Close

This traditional, three bedroom semi detached home is situated in an established cul de sac and comprises; hall, lounge, dining kitchen, shower room, conservatory, three bedrooms (en-suite to master), paved frontage and lengthy garden. EPC: D

New price £104,950



WORDSLEY, Brooklands

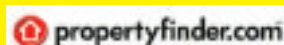
Pleasantly BACKING ONTO ALLOTMENTS, this THREE BEDROOM, TRADITIONAL MID TERRACE FAMILY HOUSE enjoys VERY SPACIOUS accommodation with a CONSERVATORY. With PEBBLED FORECOURT and GOOD SIZED REAR GARDEN. EPC D.

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OLDBURY Morgan Close



No upward chain! Three bedroom modern detached house briefly comprising entrance hall, downstairs wc, lounge, kitchen/dining room, conservatory, en-suite to master bedroom, family bathroom, garage, rear garden and driveway to the front.

£159,950

Dudley Ripley Grove



A beautifully presented two bedroom detached coach house benefitting from a garage and private rear garden. Also comprising entrance hall, open plan lounge/kitchen, white bathroom suite. Driveway to the front of the property. EPC Ordered

109950

LOWER GORNAL Sandstone Close



A one bedroom first floor apartment located within walking distance to local shops and transport links. The property briefly comprises of stairs to first floor, landing, lounge, kitchen, bedroom and bathroom. epc ordered

59950

Tipton Crown Meadow Drive



Beautifully presented and improved to a high standard this property really is a must view! Nicely tucked away and briefly comprises of entrance hall, modern fitted kitchen, lounge with french doors opening on to a decked area, a re-fitted bathroom suite, two good size bedrooms, front & rear gardens and driveway to the front. EPC - C

£100,000

BRIERLEY HILL Madison Avenue



This is a unique detached dormer bungalow with never ending accommodation which briefly comprises of lounge, sitting room, conservatory, kitchen, a lean to housing utility items, basement/garden room with extra storage area, bathroom to ground floor, a shower room to the first floor, two double bedrooms, driveway and a beautiful staggered garden with far reaching views. It really is a wow property and must be viewed.

£189,950

OAKHAM New Rowley Road



This is a unique detached dormer bungalow with never ending accommodation which briefly comprises of lounge, sitting room, conservatory, kitchen, a lean to housing utility items, basement/garden room with extra storage area, bathroom to ground floor, a shower room to the first floor, two double bedrooms, driveway and a beautiful staggered garden with far reaching views. It really is a wow property and must be viewed.

£189,950

TIVIDALE California Road



An extended two bedroom semi detached property with hallway, lounge with dining area, utility room, modern fitted kitchen, family bathroom, rear garden and driveway to the front. Offering no upward chain

£100,000

Lower Gornal Goodrich Mews



Show home standard and bigger than the average apartment this property really is a must view! Briefly comprises Secure Communal Entrance, L-shaped entrance hall, open plan lounge/diner with bay window and elevated views, fitted Kitchen in red high gloss with fitted integrated appliances, two double bedrooms, master bedroom having fitted wardrobes, white bathroom suite. Two allocated Parking spaces and communal grounds.

£99950

No upward chain! A three/ four bedroom end terraced house that is one of the largest to have been built on the poplar Merry Hill development. The property briefly comprises of hallway, fitted kitchen, study/dining room, lounge, two of the bedrooms with en-suite shower room, family bathroom, rear garden and allocated parking spaces.

£140,000 o/o

TIPTON Gilbert Avenue



Having two DOUBLE bedrooms this semi detached house located on the M5/M6 corridor with access to excellent links is well worth viewing. Briefly comprising entrance hall, lounge/dining room, fitted kitchen, family bathroom, rear garden and driveway to the front. EPC - D

104950

Dudley Parson Street



Ensuite rooms available. Furnished or unfurnished. (Single bed, wardrobe & desk can be provided) Separate communal kitchen and laundry area. All bills included (electric, gas, council tax, water and internet) Gas central heating, double glazing. Available now to view. No Dss EPC F

£325 PCM + Fees

BILSTON Westley Street



Brand new one bedroom apartment. Open plan lounge and fitted kitchen to include integrated oven & hob. Bedroom with en-suite includes bath & walk in shower. Allocated parking space. Unfurnished. No pets. No Dss. Available to view. EPC C

£460 PCM + Fees

Tipton Bean Drive



A 2 bedroom 2nd floor Apartment, fully modern integrated kitchen, Bathroom with power shower, Central heating and triple glazing, Allocated parking space and security intercom, No DSS and no pets. Available now to view. EPC B

£495 PCM + Fees

DUDLEY Occupation Street



A two bedroom house. Two reception rooms. Fitted kitchen, good size bathroom with shower on the 1st floor. Central heating & double glazing. Pleasant rear enclosed garden. Available now to view. No pets. DSS considered EPC D

£495PCM + Fees

LOWER GORNAL Ruiton Street



A modern, ground floor office suite with two main offices, separate kitchen and WC. BT Broadband connection available. Secure parking to the rear, available now to view. Contact Trinity for more information.

£500 PCM + Fees

TIPTON Holcroft Street



A well presented two bedroom end terraced house with hallway, lounge with dining area, kitchen, upstairs bathroom, good sized garden to the rear and driveway. Unfurnished, available now to view. No Dss. EPC C

£525 PCM + Fees

DUDLEY Merryfield Road



Two bedroom semi-detached house. Has two reception rooms. Fitted kitchen. Central heating & double glazing. Single garage / storage area and driveway. EPC D

£525 PCM + Fees

DUDLEY Boundary Hill



A three bed terraced house with lounge, dining room, kitchen with integrated appliances, three good-sized bedrooms, bathroom with shower, rear garden with decking, central heating. Off road parking, unfurnished, available now to view. EPC D

£540 PCM + Fees

DUDLEY Ellowes Road



A two bed semi detached house with off road parking and garden to the rear, modern fitted kitchen, large lounge, upstairs with house bathroom/WC with shower over the bath. Unfurnished, no DSS, no pets. Available for long term. EPC B

£550 PCM + Fees

Tipton Moat Road



A three bed semi detached house. Large lounge and dining kitchen, three good sized bedrooms and house bathroom/WC upstairs. Garden to rear with patio area and shed with power and lighting. Unfurnished, available now. EPC to follow

£560 PCM + Fees

DUDLEY Parkes Hall Road



Modern three bedroom townhouse. Lounge/diner, kitchen, cloakroom, master bedroom with en-suite and fitted wardrobe, two further bedrooms and family bathroom on the first and second floors. Allocated parking, garden to rear. Available to view now. EPC B

£625 PCM + Fees

Dudley Lingwood Hall, St James's



Two bed 1st floor apartment, lounge and dining area. Fitted kitchen with all appliances included. En suite to master bedroom. Bathroom with shower. Unfurnished. Gated parking with intercom. No Dss. No pets. Available now to view. EPC E

£575 PCM + Fees

DUDLEY Dingle Close



A three bedroom semi-detached house with garage and driveway. Two reception rooms, fitted kitchen with built in oven. Three good sized bedrooms. Bathroom with separate shower cubicle and corner bath. Enclosed rear garden. No DSS. Available now for viewings. EPC D

£625 PCM + Fees

Bilston Mason Street



Four bedroom detached house. Large lounge. Fitted kitchen & dining room includes oven. Conservatory. Downstairs WC. Four bedrooms, bathroom, separate toilet on the 1st floor. Central heating & double glazing. Gated carport to side. Small rear garden. No DSS. Pets considered. Available now to view. EPC E

£650 PCM + Fees

Dudley Viewfield Crescent



A four bed detached family home with double glazing and central heating, two reception rooms, large fitted kitchen, separate study/bedroom downstairs. Upstairs has four good sized bedrooms with a house bathroom/WC. Master bedroom with en-suite. Unfurnished, extensive gardens to the rear, off road parking and double garage. EPC D

£795 PCM + Fees



Seat Leon ST hauls in its first towing title

By Sharon Walters

No stranger to the awards scene, SEAT's Leon is celebrating its first – and second – towing titles, awarded at the Royal Automobile Club this week.

Fending off eleven challengers, the SEAT Leon ST took the crown in the £20k - £25k category; the judges concluding, "the load-lugging Leon ST 2.0 TDI 184PS kept its torquy feel and produced punch whenever and wherever it was required." Such was the Leon ST's performance; the car was also crowned Caravan Club Towcar of the Year 2015 and beat strong contenders Volvo XC60 D5, Mitsubishi Outlander and the Peugeot 308.

The Leon ST retains the striking Latin design and sporty characteristics of the five-door and SC models, but adds exceptional practicality.

As well as its capacious 587-litre boot, which grows to an impressive 1,470 litres with the rear seats folded flat, it's also got plenty of useful touches up its sleeve.

Whether it's carrying camping gear, bikes or even fishing rods, the rear seat backrests drop in moments, just at the pull of a lever.

The double floor also makes the boot a doddle to load, and topping it all off, the front passenger seat backrest also folds, for the odd mission to IKEA.

The triumphant SEAT which was put through its paces by the nine-strong judging panel, a Leon ST 2.0 TDI 184PS in stylish and sporty FR guise, romped to victory in the £20K - £25k category and was named Towcar of the Year 2015.

Aiding its ability to sip fuel at a rate of just 65.7 miles per gallon, at 1,415 kilos, the Leon ST is one of the lightest estates in its class.

But its towing ability is anything but featherweight. In FR guise with the potent, yet frugal, two-litre 184 PS engine, and a hefty 380Nm torque, it's capable of towing loads up to a sizeable 1.6 tonnes.

Receiving the award at the prestigious Royal Automobile Club on London's Pall Mall, SEAT UK's Head of Press & PR, Juliet Carrington, commented: "The Leon ST's only been on sale for a few months, so to haul in its second & third award in just a matter of weeks is fantastic.

"It's practical, stylish and packed with technological features like Adaptive Cruise Control and Dynamic Chassis Control, making it a great towing partner. Hopefully, this is its first of many in the months ahead."

The appeal of the SEAT range for towing is likely to grow even further over the coming months, with the launch of the all-new Leon X-PERIENCE.

The new model proffers rugged looks, backed up by a capable four-wheel-drive system, a range of advanced diesel engines and the availability of super smooth DSG transmission for effortless cruising.

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14/14	VAUXHALL VIVARO 1.6 SWB Diesel, New Shape/New Model, Silver, delivery miles	£14,995+VAT	12/62	CORSA 1.2 SE Peppercorn, 5-door, 25,000 miles	£7750
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Established by Colin Nash in 1975 Delph Garage is the longest established, family run dealership in Dudley with an enviable reputation for delivering superb used cars and exceptionally good customer service. The company is now run by Colin and his sons Warwick and James who joined their father in the business in 1994. When combined, the team offer around 75 years motor industry experience which certainly helps when it comes to product knowledge and customer care expertise.

At Delph Garage, the emphasis is very much on quality rather than quantity but you'll still find up to 25 vehicles on display

at any one time. What's more, the selection features cars from most areas of the market providing customers with plenty of variety. Cars are carefully chosen by Warwick and James to ensure levels of quality are always maintained, but while quality is high prices are not!

Delph Garage has long been known for offering cars aged between four and seven years old at very affordable prices. Those prices range from around £3,495 on up towards £7,995 which means that whatever model you purchase its cost won't break the bank. Part exchange deals are welcome, and unusually within the used car sales sector, Delph Garage can provide NIL Deposit Finance Deals for up to 60 months which all helps to spread the load when it comes to making your monthly payments. There are finance facilities available for both prime and subprime customers, too.

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Delph Garage offers a bespoke vehicle finding service where the team can sourcing a particular model taking into account a customer's individual tastes and lifestyle requirements.

Warwick Nash said: "We have repeat customers who pay a visit to the sales office, let us know their specific requirements for their next car and trust us to find them



'At Delph Garage, the emphasis is very much on quality rather than quantity but you'll still find up to 25 vehicles on display at any one time'

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Warwick's brother James said: "We pride ourselves on supplying the finest used cars in an honest, professional and courteous manner, ensuring that our customers feel assured, valued and at ease."

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Delph Garage is an independent dealer offering a quality of service you'd normally only associate with a franchised main dealership. Pay Warwick or James Nash a visit at Delph Garage on Wellington Road, Dudley DY1 1UD. Or call 01384 259655 for further information.

Pictured left: Warwick, Colin and James Nash. Pictured above: A selection of stock at the Warwick Road site.



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Supporting apprentices

National Tyres' 'next generation' of talented automotive apprentices will once again be steered in the right direction by Bridgestone, who have donated a number of 'tyre toolbags' to help them with their career adventures for a second year.

Bridgestone has again committed to support some of the most talented young technicians in the tyre industry, as part of National Tyres and Auto-care's 'Apprentice' scheme.

After hearing about National's NVQ level 2 training courses in 2013, Bridgestone was keen to support the vocational offering by way of a branded hold-all for each learner for another year.

National's group training and development manager, Graham Atkinson said: "Bridgestone's support means a great deal to us. It really gives our apprentice programme a boost from the moment the technicians arrive with us. The tyre bags contain many of the tools that will be essential for our apprentices including Bridgestone branded merchandise, stationery and product and technical information".

Graham said that National's investment in shaping the future of the industry was already reaping dividends, as many of the apprentices progress into branch management across the UK, with some making the move into operational management roles.

Eighteen apprentices receive vocational training for two years, before qualifying and taking up a permanent position at one of Na-

tional's 225 branches across the UK. Bridgestone's training development manager Mark Fereday said: "We offered our support to National last year with a similar arrangement and were only too keen to do likewise this year when National's new intake was confirmed."

"The bags we have provided are ideal as a starting point for their new recruits as they make their way into the industry. The idea is to give them something that has longevity and can be used for many months and years after they earn their qualifications".

"The feedback from last year was really encouraging. It is lovely to be associated with youngsters like this, who will hopefully go on to forge lasting careers in the industry, with a strong affinity for the Bridgestone brand as a result."

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More than 325,000 owners of Mazda cars that are out of initial warranty period will be able to take advantage of a new roadside assistance scheme launched by Mazda UK in partnership with Allianz Global Assistance.

The scheme covers Mazda cars that are between three and 10 years old and up to 100,000 miles and reflects demand from buyers of used Mazdas who want the same level of roadside assistance that owners of new Mazda cars get, explained Mazda UK After-sales Director David Wilson-Green.

Priced at £89, which is less than similar schemes offered by other breakdown companies, the scheme can be bought from Mazda's dealer network. It includes vehicle recovery to a Mazda authorised repair centre in the event of an accident or breakdown, puncture assistance, as well as helping drivers who have run out of fuel and even those that have lost their keys.

"We have seen increased demand for the continuation of the Roadside Assistance Package service we provide new car customers for the first three years of the vehicle life so by adding this service to our suite, our customers have a full range of after-sales products and services that meet their needs," said Wilson-Green.

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Hales again worked back into the game using Nathan Jones at scrum half A driving maul into the Sutton five metre line saw Nigel Burrows score with Hooper converting.

Three minutes later from the kick off Hales stand off Steve Powell received a yellow card for offside. Sutton made the best of the advantage to force another penalty.

Hales worked their way back into the Sutton half. Breese made another telling break through the Sutton defence, made ground and fed the supporting Fitzgerald. In his inimitable style he evaded many tackles and scored a great try. Hooper converted.

In the second half Hooper scored and converted.

On 75 minutes Nathan Jones took the ball over for a well deserved try and bonus point to lead 29 - 10.

Villa battle to hang on to Delph

ASTON Villa are battling to keep hold of Fabian Delph, according to the latest reports.

Arsenal and Everton are among those closely monitoring the England midfielder.

The 24-year-old has been offered a new deal by Villa to prevent him leaving on a free transfer at the end of the season.

But the player has yet to sign the bumper contract with his club – a fact which has not gone unnoticed by the Gunners' manager Arsene Wenger and Roberto Martinez.

Wenger is also chasing Morgan Schneiderlin, as well as Borussia Dortmund's Sven Bender.

Young golfer James bags the top spot



Midlands EZGO Tour winner James Thompson, aged eight, of Sedgley, at The Mark

A TALENTED schoolboy gave his family the perfect pre-Ryder Cup boost by landing first place in a Midlands-wide golf competition.

James Thompson, aged eight, of Sedgley, topped the rankings for his age group in the Midland Ezgo Tour by winning four of the eight events.

James, who attends the Royal Wolverhampton School, was crowned champion in the eights-and-under category and came second overall.

Dad Andrew said: "He has been playing since he was about three years old. We just

started watching golf on TV one day and he went outside, where we had a set of plastic clubs, and started copying what he'd seen."

"He started being coached at Sedgley Golf Club when he was four and he still goes there now for lessons, as well as going to the Robert Rock Golf Academy near Lichfield."

The Ezgo Tour features four tournaments with youngsters' best four finishes counting towards their overall ranking.

The contest uses nine-hole courses and with special tees and rules.. James picked up four consecutive tournament victories as well as claiming three runners-up spots.

Wolves' rollercoaster against the Royals

Reading 3 Wolves 3

FOR a team that doesn't concede and fails to score enough, Wolves upset the form book on both counts.

And to have gained a point from this encounter was perhaps beyond even the most optimistic Wolves fan at half-time.

To have been involved in within six minutes of an unlikely win looked the last thing on the cards after an awful first-half performance from Kenny Jackett's side.

But it shows all those cliché-ridden qualities such as resilience and character of the players that they were firstly able to claw themselves back into it, and then to give themselves the chance of winning it to achieve their third successive away draw.

Wolves had a glorious chance to open the scoring after five minutes.

Leon Clarke, who was selected ahead of Liam McAlinden for the lone striker role, put George Saville through on goal.

But, with only the keeper to beat, the midfielder's shot was blocked by Adam Federici, and Evans, who started the first-time passing move, half volleyed the follow-up over.

That was as good as it got for Wolves in probably their worst 45 minutes of the season. Lacklustre, they couldn't get going and found themselves trailing on 18 minutes.

The warning bells were sounded five minutes earlier when former Albion striker Simon Cox sent a twisting header just wide from a Jor-

a six-goal thriller and come
Football

dan Obita free kick. Wolves were too slow to close down a short corner worked between Jordan Obita and playmaker Oliver Norwood, who crossed to the near post where Michael Hector held off fellow centre-back Richard Stearman far too easily to bullet a header in at Carl Ikeme's near post.

If Wolves lacked the spark in the first half, they certainly burst into life at the start of the second.

Three goals in five breathless minutes followed as the visitors awoke with a start and launched themselves fully into this game. Former Reading man Henry made no mistake, firing high into the roof of the net from six yards out for the 50th-minute equaliser and his first goal of the season.

Four minutes later, Wolves were ahead when Evanspunished an awful attempted clearance by Obika. The celebrations were still going on when Reading cut them short by hauling themselves level.

Dave Edwards couldn't have done much more when he glanced home Sako's corner.Murray latched on to a loose ball to score.



Wolves' Dave Edwards sneaks in to make it 3-2during the see-saw match at Reading

Misery is brought home for Tipton

Tipton 0 Quorn 4
 TIPTON Town's Midland League Premier woes continued apace as high-flying Quorn ran out comfortable winners.

After Tipton were shut-out by visiting keeper Laurie Pearson early on, the Leicester side exerted their authority and never looked back once they took the lead on 24 minutes.

Jordan Wakeling headed home Dominic Brennan's corner to give the third-placed team the lead.

And Tipton, second from bottom in the table, were 2-0 down just before the break when Liam Read beat the offside trap and slotted home.

The visitors were out of site shortly into the second half when Read's penalty made it 3-0 on 49 minutes. And the same player bagged his hat-trick on the hour after waltzing through the defence.

James Thomas came closest to a Tipton consolation when he steered Clayton Peddie's cross just wide.

Come the final 10 minutes and Quorn upped the stakes again, home goalkeeper Ryan Hall making good saves from Sam Hollis and substitute Liam Turner.

Saido gets backing for call-up

ALBION boss Alan Irvine is backing Saido Berahino for an England call-up after the striker netted another two goals to fire the Baggies into the top 10.

Berahino bagged his third and fourth Premier League goals of the season as Irvine's men thrashed Burnley at The Hawthorns 4-0 to claim their third win in a week.

That made him the highest scoring Englishman in the top flight this season.

Irvine said: "He is a talented young player.

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Seven heaven for Yeltz in cup

**Ellistown & Ibstock 1
Halesowen 7**

HALESOWEN Town were in seventh heaven in Leicestershire as they eased through to the third qualifying round of the FA Cup.

Lyseden Christie became only the third player in history to score six goals in an FA Cup tie, with Ben Haseley weighing in with his first of the season.

That came on only four minutes when Chris Lait supplied him with a cross from the right, but Ellistown equalised on 13 minutes through Ben Harris.

Then Christie took control, regaining the lead for the Yeltz on 27 minutes, as he jumped above his marker and nodded the ball past the keeper.

He then headed another Lait cross into the net, and completed his hat-trick on 42 minutes, after heading home Asa Charlton's free kick.

His fourth came on 65 minutes when he headed home Robert Thompson-Brown's cross to put the tie way out of reach for the home side.

A goalkeeping blunder saw the ball being given to him a couple of yards away from the open net on 73 minutes and he comfortably claimed his fifth goal.

Christie ended the scoring on 83 minutes.

Stourbridge must try again

**Blaby & Whetstone 1
Stourbridge 1**

STOURBRIDGE stuttered against their East Midlands Counties hosts, having to come from behind in Leicestershire to force an FA Cup replay.

It was Blaby who took a surprise fifth-minute lead against Gary Hackett's side.

A long clearance from goalkeeper Ben Jackson found striker Aaron Preston and he rifled a low shot past Dean Coleman.

The Glassboys thought they had levelled on 28 minutes when Will Richards headed home a Louis Harris corner only for the effort to be chalked off for pushing.

Stourbridge equalised on 32 minutes when Harris' flag-kick swung straight into the net after deceiving keeper Jackson.

Jackson made amends with an excellent save to deny Kayledon Brown.

Heathens expecting big turnout for cup final

Speedway

CRADLEY are expecting a bumper crowd for their second successive Knockout Cup Final when they face King's Lynn at Wolverhampton on Tuesday October 7.

The Heathens, who brushed aside the Isle of Wight in last year's final, are clear favourites to retain the cup after proving too good for the National League so far this season.

They are looking to take a big lead from their home leg against the Stars after beating Coventry over two legs in the semi-finals.

Will Pottinger's men pulled off a fine win

at Brandon – sadly abandoned after Heat 10 with ugly scenes between riders and mechanics.

Tom Perry scored a maximum in that meeting and admits it was a shame the incident took the gloss of a great display without key men Steve Worrall, Paul Starke and Matt Williamson.

Said Perry: "We were on course for the win anyway which I believe was brilliant considering the riders we were missing.

"I was on a maximum after three rides and feeling fast as well, so that was a big positive, and all the boys were looking quick.

"We are into the final now which is the main thing, and we are looking forward to trying to finish the job to win the trophy.

"We know we are capable of beating King's Lynn as long as everyone is fully focused. All the team are riding well and full of confidence so we just need to keep that confidence flowing.

"Hopefully we can put in another good performance at home in the first leg to build

up a big lead and then take it from there."

The Heathens have pegged admission prices for the final at £11 adults, £8 concessions and £2 children – a special cup final souvenir programme will be available for £3.

Boss Will Pottinger said: "It's a very proud moment for us to be through to the final, we are delighted to do it again – but now we want to finish the job.

"We know we have been too good for King's Lynn this season – but there will be no complacency from our boys next Tuesday."

Tividale face cup replay

Tividale 2 Leek Town 2
TIVIDALE are facing an FA Cup replay at Leek.

After losing to the Staffordshire 2-1 in the league last week, Tividale were pegged back late on in Saturday's Cup clash.

The visitors took the lead on 19 minutes when striker Andy Kinsey's shot took a slight deflection and wrong-footed Tividale keeper Charles Price.

Bradley Moorshead beat away another Jazz Luckie effort via the post as Tividale pressed for an equaliser.

Leek had the first chance of the second half when the dangerous Jordan Johnson saw a shot deflected wide before the hosts levelled. Luckie was brought down by Darren Chadwick and Foster made no mistake from the spot.

Mitchell Botfield put Tividale 2-1 up after Taylor-Boyce's shot had been beaten out by Moorhead.

Just when Leek seemed to have run out of ideas, they were thrown a lifeline with 12 minutes remaining when they were awarded a penalty for handball after Johnson's shot struck Ashton. Johnson calmly stepped up.

Defence 'needs to get tough'

JAMES HENRY has told Wolves defenders to start their mean machine after a breakdown at Reading.

Henry said: "After going 2-1 up and 3-2 up I think we have to be disappointed not to take all three points. We are going into every game wanting to win. But defensively we need to look at ourselves

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BOURNVILLE GET SWEET VICTORY

DK 14 Bournville 32

ON the brink of half time, Bournville applied a period of pressure and following a scrum moved the ball towards their right wing.

Then, a missed tackle and their outside centre Robin Eatough was over the line, and Alex Warner converted.

The score had changed from 14-3 to 14-10, and was the tipping point when the DK team effectively lost the game.

The first half saw DK impose themselves on the game with a powerful forward display, including three strikes against the head and only one lost ball on their own throw at the lineup.

The early pressure was all from DK and with some direct running Bournville, were forced to concede a penalty, which Kieran Pinches slotted home.

Clubhouse

Then on 16 minutes, a five metre lineup in the clubhouse corner won at the tail, the ball moved smartly along the line.

They were a threat in the middle under the Bournville posts, the ball carried on and out to Donavon Smile who powered to the line. He was brought down just short and the ensuing ruck was dominated by the arriving DK forwards and Matt Perks was able to force his way over. Kieran missed the conversion.

Bournville then got a foothold in the game with an Alex Warner penalty, 8-3.

Throughout the latter

Rugby

part of the first half DK's forwards were able to provide good set piece play, and the backs were able to manipulate the Bournville defence with breaks in the midfield and the back row constantly in support.

But there were too many poor final passes when the DK outside backs were in space. Which meant their period of dominance was only rewarded by two more Keiran Pinches penalties.

In the second half Bournville right wing Paul Sumner scored two tries in the opening 10 minutes, which meant the visitors had taken the lead.

DK were still in with a chance until the 26th minute of the half.

Then a chain of events realistically dashed their hopes. It started with a possible knock-on by the Bournville No.8, then a break by the Bournville 15 Tom Southall. Suddenly DK are scrambling back to defend and a yellow card for Jon Tideswell.

During the 10 minutes of 14 men, Bournville added a further seven points to give Paul Sumner his hat-trick.



Matt Perks goes over the line to score for DK but the match proved a lost cause against Bournville

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